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Received Letters. Boards file — Madura Collectors' Office.

Number.		From whom received:	Substance.
2/1	11	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Requesting to explain to what English School the petitioner alludes, and when it was built, and also to state how he has satisfied himself that the site of that School was in petitioners possession rent free or was within the extent awarded to him by the Decree of Court.
19/1	230	Do.	Communicating E. M. C. dated 9th January 1867 sanctioning the Continuance of the Malikhana allowance as recommended by the Board to Coomara Luckia Naicker who is represented to be the sole heir of the late incumbent Rajagopaul Luckia Naicker of Comaravady Polliem.
27/1	373	Do.	Forwarding the Boards' Remarks on a report of a Lapsed Enam and observing that the Grantees Copy of the Enaystamah is subject to great suspicion and declining therefore to recommend the Continuance of the Enam ... it is cle... personal ...

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
20/1	344	Secy. Bd. of Rev.	Forwarding for circulation copies of the advertisement relative to the ~~Pearl~~ Pearl Fishery to take place at Aripo in the Island of Ceylon on or about the 1st March 1880.
"	"		Forwarding the Rules for Admission of Public &c to Geological Museum in connection with the Geological Survey of India.
5/2	428	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Directing the Collectors of the Maritime Districts to define the limits of the several ports in their respective Districts with the aid of the Civil Engineer of the District when such is procurable, and the Master Attendant where there is such a Functionary and to report the limits of each port of the Marine Board as fast as they are …

Date	Number.	From whom received:	Subsance.
9/2	468	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Requesting the Venerable Archdeacon to submit for approval draft regulations & rules for restricting the size of monuments to be erected and the space to be allotted for graves in Burial grounds at out-stations, and directing that the Burial grounds of each District be inspected yearly by the Collector or one of his Assistants and their condition be reported to Government through D.P.W.
21/2	551	Do	Authorizing the continuance to Kader Shah of the Enam enjoyed by his late father Syed Tubbee for the maintenance of certain tombs in the Madacolam Taluk of the District of Madura.
6/3	656	Do	Communicating the endorsement passed on petition No 2183 of 1886 to the effect that the

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			submitted by the Petitioner do not warrant the Continuance of the village of Yelliarpatty on quit rent after the demise of the Munshee Habeeb Oollah, Petitioner's grand father.
6/3	697	Secretary Board of Revenue —	Sanctioning the appointment of the zemindar of Gintama Naickenoor as the Trustee of the Pagoda at Tumbalpootoor in the Teykaree Taluk.
9/3	731	Do. —	Communicating endorsement on petitions Nos 3544, 3545, 3566, 3637 of 1856 and 374 of 1857, to the effect that the sentence of dismissal is confirmed as the petitioner (acting curnam of [illegible]) was dismissed on various ac-

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Received Letters. Boards File Madura Collectors' Office.

	Number.	From whom received.	5 Substance.
12/3	761	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Forwarding certain papers alluded to in the Collector's letter of the 22nd December 1856, connected with the Ramnad zemindari and stating that the Government have been applied to for the remaining papers required by Mr Sullivan.
19/3	"	Do..	Requesting to state the opinion of the Acting Collector whether the appointment of a successor to the deceased watcher is really necessary to the comfort of the surviving members of the family of the late Mootoo Ramalinga Saithoopathi, deposed Poligar of Ramnad. (Not found in the file).
23/3	921	Do..	Ordering that a copy of Mr Lushington's Report on Ramnad which accompanied his letter dated 24th December 1800, be furnished to the acting Collector of Madura, and drawing his attention to Mr Parker's letter of the 1st March 1829 ...

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			Contains a further account of the zemindars of Ramnad.
31/3	991	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Forwarding Copies of certain papers received from the Govern=ment relative to the Ramnad zemindari.
4/4	1024	Do.	Communicating G. M. C. 25th March 1857 authorizing the Collector to assign for building purposes to the applicants alluded to, 9 C 3½ As. of Poonjah land in the Tenkarray Taluk assessed at Rs 13 - 15 - 2, rent free or otherwise as the Board may determine on receipt of the further information they have called for.
4/4	1042	Do.	Requesting to make no alter=ation in the management &c of the lands claimed by the zemindar of Ettiapuram pending the result of any appeal which may be preferred until the

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Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		expiration of the time allowed for appeal and informing that the future possession &c. of the lands will then be considered on the matter being duly brought to the notice of the Board.
6/4 "	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Requesting to state to what terminal the Survey Paddy fields entered as cultivated with Poonjah crops in fasli 1264 and calling for further information in regard to the reduction of survey assessment in 7 villages in Madakolam and Meylore Taluks. (Not found in the file).
25/4 1278	Do.	Requesting to notify to every Curnam who is unable to write on paper that he must learn to do so by the 30th June or vacate his situation, and empowering the Collector to remove summarily every Curnam who is not competent to write on paper by that date

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			~~and to~~ appointing the nearest relative if there be a competent one and if not nominating some other party, and directing that the Curnams should not be allowed to have their accounts prepared by relatives in the ensuing fasli but must themselves perform the duty for ~~the~~ which they are paid.
29/4	1327	Secretary, Board of Revenue.	Sanctioning the appoint=ment of Tirumalay Iskappachy Goundem to the managership of the 4 Devastanams in Cumbay.
2/5	1384	Do.	Communicating E.M.C. 1st May 1857 approving the draft answers to be filed in C.S. Nos. 30 and 37 of 1856 instituted in the Subordi=nate Court of Madura

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			against the Acting Sub Collector of the District and granting authority for their defence, in the first instance, at the public expense.
4/5	1385	Secretary, Board of Revenue	Observing that the duty of defining the limits of the Ports of the District is to be effected by the Collector in communication with the Marine and not the Revenue Board.
6/5	"	Do.	Relative to the reduction of assessment in the village of Combay, Chinna-manur and Mackiancottah in the Tenkarray Taluk (not found in the file).
6/5	"	Do.	Calling for further explanation in regard to the Reduction of garden assessment in the Madura District (not found in the file)

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
8/5	"	Secretary Board of Revenue	Stating that the Board have transferred, the Collector's letter of the 6th April 1856 respecting the Conservancy of the Cumbum valley to the Conservator of Forests. (not found in the file).
14/5	1572	Do. ——	Informing that Regulation V of 1822 will not apply in Cases where government officers are parties and requesting to proceed under Section XXXIV of Regulation XXVIII of 1802.
15/5	"	Do. ——	Conveying the Sanction of government 15th May 1857, for the reduction of Survey assessment ~~of the~~ as regards the Nunjah Lan in Seven villages of the Madakolam & Meylore Taluks, amounting to 12½

Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		per cent on survey rates in Chintamony and to 25 per cent in other 6 villages; and requesting the Collector to carry out the arrangements in the present fasli and informing him that it will be determined eventually whether the privilege shall be accorded entirely or only partially - (not found in the file).
15/5 - 1595	Secretary, Board of Revenue.	Observing that the Collector has made an incomplete report regarding the death of the Zemindar of Nellakottah & the succession by his heir; and requesting to supply the deficiencies pointed out.
15/5 - 1621	Do. —	Communicating Board's Endorsement on petitions No. 343, 759, 1150, 1345 & 989 of 1857 to the effect that the Board see no grounds for their interference in the [illegible]

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			of the Valoor Mootahdar — in reconstructing a ruined tank with the consent of some of the Pannai land holders, and referring them to the Magistrate, or the Collector under ~~under~~ Regulation I of 1822 or to the Civil Court for remedy.
18/5	1687	Secretary to the Board of Revenue. —	Informing that the Board are of opinion that the Enam allotted in 1834 to the Curnam — attached to the Pagoda of Kailasanadar at Kovilpatty, should not be withdrawn from him as it is admitted ~~that~~ his duties were always transacted by a sharer in the village Curnam Enam, from [illegible] assessment in

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		question was made.
15th 22.	Secretary, Board of Revenue - 3	Conveying the sanction of Government 5th May 1857, No 419, that a rate of 2 Fanam per gooly be fixed on all lands whatever the produce may be excepting those cultivated with Plantains in the Lower Range. (Not found in the file).
15th 1698	Do.	Informing that the Board concur with the Collector in his opinion that the Banglow at Pambam should be maintained — although the number of Travellers ~~is not~~ halted at it in the past year is not considerable; and Stating that the Estimate for its repair will be referred to the chief Engineer for examination.

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
30/5	1806	Secretary, Bd. of Revenue	Forwarding for early report the Petitions Nos. 1706 & 1802 of 1857 from G. S. Fischer Esq. and informing that the land in question, if not already given for cultivation, should remain as at present till orders are passed in the case as it is not known that the rights of the Copillars in regard to the land from which they obtain Salt-petre has ever been determined.
3/6	1877	Do. —	Informing that, as the land originally taken for an English School ~~and~~ which is still used for the convenience of the English Public was free of tax and that granted from the Ditch land in lieu was occupied by a Substantial

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			Mosque, the tax may be remitted as a Special Case
7 6	1906	Secretary Board of Revenue	Reviewing the Collector's report on the improvement of the Town of Madura for ~~1856~~ 1856 and ~~supp~~ — recommending the Collector's suggestion ~~that~~ the inhabitants may be allowed to redeem the land tax; and informing that the inhabitants cannot afford to pay so high a rate of redemption as 20 years ~~purchase~~ purchase and considering that 12 years purchase would be a fairer price to both parties than eight.
7 6	"	Do.	Transmitting the statement of Ayakat for Fasli 1264 with a request to return them after filling in the blank Columns. (Not found in the file).

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
9/6	1965	Secretary, Board of Revenue	Forwarding the order of Government on the appeal petition of Ariamuthoo Pillai, Curnam of Karungalakudi, to the effect that the Collector has disposed of this case on the simple report of the Tahsildar and that the same be remanded to the Collector through the Board of Revenue with reference to E. M. C. dated the 18th of March last No 267.
12/6	2024	Do.	Informing that season reports should contain information of the exact quantity of rain that had fallen in a given number of places in each District and requesting the Collector to have their arrangements so made as not to delay the

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			the transmission of their season report.
30/6	2234	Secretary to Board of Revenue	Communicating E. M. C. of 17th June 1857 concerning the reduction of assessment on the garden lands of the Madura district & intimating that the Government are not disposed to discuss a question when the means by which they are to arrive at a just conclusion are avowedly incomplete.
2/7	2248	Do. —	Advising the despatch of the book containing the whole proceedings connected with the suit of Sheevagungah zemindary printed for the information of the Privy Council. (Enclosures not found in the file).
2/7	2249	Do.	Communicating E. M. C. of 18th June 1857 relative to a certain lapsed Veda Virthi Enam and requesting the

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			informed how it came to be subdivided; as a Service Enam; and how the other members are enjoying their shares without obligation of service.
6/7	2288	Secretary, Board of Revenue	Informing that the Board will be prepared to recommend the exchange of 3 goolies of Poonjah land assessed at Rs 3-2-11 in lieu of a similar extent of Munjah Enam land assessed at Rs 17-13-1 situated in the bed of a tank in the village of Vadagharay, when it is ascertained what extent of the land is submerged or otherwise rendered unculturable.
8/7	"	Do.	Communicating Min. Con of 13th June 1857 —

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	Number.	From whom received.	19 Substance. 19
			authorizing the grant of indulgence in Combay, Chinna-manoor and Markiencottai of 4 Hamams for all the Poojah lands. (Not found in the file).
0/7	2343	Secretary, Board of Revenue.	Communicating Min. Con. 26th June 1857 authorizing the continuance of an yeomiah granted originally to one Sheik ~~Ibl~~ Ibrahim, and observing that the principle of sub-dividing a service enam as recommended, is improper, and has already been deprecated by the Board.
1/7	2450	Do.	Informing that the Sheikal land in certain villages in the Tenkarai Taluk granted for sites of houses, shall be occupied free of tax by cultivating ryots and charged with the regular Teerwah when held by non-cultivating ryots.
3/7	2476	Do.	Authorizing the grant of a pension of Rs 35 per

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			mensem to each of the 2 widows of the late Obala Kondama Naik uncle of the zemindar and allowing them to hold 48-8 goolies of land out of the Coombay Cowle at a teerwa of 3 fanams per gooli to enable them to carry out the wishes of their husband as regards a pagoda in addition to ~~their~~ Punney & Puttah land, in the Ayakudi Estate.
28/7	2535	Secretary, Board of Revenue	Forwarding Copies of letters to and from the Government pleader relative to the filing of a petition in the Court of Sudder Udalat by the zemindar of Ettiapuram against the order of the Civil Court of Madura in O.S. No 2 of 1853, and to the order of the Sudder Udalat for the readmission of the suit on Civil Courts' file.

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eceived Letters. Madura Collectors' Office.

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Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
..	Secretary, Board of Revenue	Communicating Min Con 28th July 1857, No 758 relative to the boundary line between his District and the Travancore Territory and resolving that the order of Government of 2nd November 1821 fixing the crest of the ghauts as the boundary line between the district of Madura and Travancore, must be considered as decisive. (Not found in the file).
18 2814	Do.	Communicating E. M. C. 14th July 1857 ordering to refer to the Board, a letter from Mr G. F. Fischer, for early consideration and report, as regards the oppression of the Sub Collector to the Saltpetre mounds.
19 2939	Do.	Authorizing to charge assessment on the lands in question and informing that no alteration will be made in the occupancy, if the holders consent to pay Teerwah.

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
12/9	3050	Secretary Board of Revenue	Communicating E. M. C. 3rd September 1857 declining to sanction the registry of the Veda Vritti Enam reported upon in the name of the son of the deceased; and ordering that on the death of each one of the present holders it will continue registered in the name of the remainder, and ordering to submit a fresh report on the death of the last survivor.
22/9	3139	Do.	Forwarding extract from the proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council 30th January 1857, embodied in E. M. C. 3rd March 1857 No. 221 regarding the permission to adopt the practice of Commuting pensions and other allowances to a limited extent.
8/10	3371	Do.	Returning for revision the statement of lands submerged which is only a portion of 6 gosha of nunjah assessed at Rs 35-10-2 and

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		requesting to report the extent submerged. (Village of Vadgharay in the Senkarai Taluk.
12/10	Secretary Board of Revenue	Requesting further explanation on the Mootaliyan grant as it is impossible for the Board to express any opinion on the Collector's report of the 6th July 1857. (Not found in the file).
15/10 3481	Do.	Observing that a curnam in a settled district can only be legally dismissed by the sentence of a Court of Judicature, & that if the petitioner has been dismissed by the Collector he should be reinstated and then proceeded against in the Zillah Court; and referring the petitioner to the Collector who will communicate to him the orders of the Board on his case. (petitioner is the curnam of Ayacoody in Iyempully Taluk).
27/10	Do.	Requesting copy of the plaint and other information in the matter of the suit brought by the Ranee of Ramnad for the recognition of her adoption of Mg. Mootoo Ramalinga

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			=linga Tevun as heir to succeed to the zemindari of Ramnad. (not found in the file).
28/10	..	Secretary Board of Revenue —	Communicating mins. on 27th October 1857 No. 1095 calling for the original deed of surrender executed by the zemindar of Nellakottah under instructions conveyed in mins. con 8th March 1842, with translation. (not found in the file).
2/11	3729	Do. —	Communicating Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 17th June 1857 declining to entertain the application of Kichama Naick, ambalagar, as the claim has already

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			been investigated and rejected by the collector and confirmed by the Board and government.
1/11	3809	Secretary, Board of Revenue —	Requesting to ascertain and report as early as possible, the exact date of the Sunnud Milkeut Istumrar granted to the zemindar of Ramnad.
10/11	„	Do —	Communicating Min Con of 4th November calling for explanation of the delay in sending the copies of plaint and answer to be filed in the suit instituted by the Tevaram zemindar against the zemindar of Bodinaikenur and the acting collector. (Not found in the file)
11/11	3976.	Do	Cancelling their proceedings of the 15th September directing the reinstatement of a Curnum in the Ayakudi zemindari on the ground that he could only be dismissed by a civil court, & request

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			to return the petitions forwarded with the proceedings for the further consideration of the Board.
11	3996	Secretary, Board of Revenue	Communicating G.-M.-C. 17th November 1857 directing the Government Pleader, Mr Dale, to prepare a draft answer to be filed in the Suit instituted by the Ranee of Ramnad in the Civil Court to procure recognition of the validity of an adoption by her of a son to succeed to her estate on her death.
11	"	Do.	Observations relative to the defence of Suit No 6 of 1857 in the case of boundary dispute between Sevaram & Bodinaikenoor in respect to the Cardomom Hill. (Not found in the file).
		Do.	Communicating Min Con 25th November 1857 sanctioning

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance. 27
			the grant of 72 Grounds of Nunjah land referred to in the ~~above~~ Board Proceedings No 2934 (13-4-57) in lieu of a similar extent occupied by huts which is necessary to remove for the efficient repair of certain tanks in the Ramnad zemindari.
7/11	4250	Secretary, Board of Revenue	Communicating endorsement on petition No 3023 of 1857 to the effect that as the land referred to had lain waste, part for upwards of 20 & the remainder for above 5 years, its being given on Cowle to Soobbien and others was unobjectionable.
12	"	Do. —	Requesting further information in respect of the surrender of the Nellakottah Poliput. (not found in the file).
12	"	Do. —	Resolving that the Acting Collector's letter dated 24th November about the omission to forward copy of the plaint in O.S. No. 10 of 1857 be laid before Government (not found in the file).

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
11/12	"	Secretary Board of Revenue	Communicating Minute Cons 9th December authorizing to withdraw the defence, on behalf of Government to the suit between Tewaram and Bodinaickenoor, on the Cardomom gardens. (not found in the file)
12/12	4462	Do.	Calling for further information regarding the Jungle rents and Poollary tax generally -
14/12	4486	Do.	Copy of the Board's letter of the 14th December to Government, informing that the subject of prohibiting the extension of plantain cultivation on the Lower Range of the Pulney Hills has already been disposed of

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
12/12	4614	Secretary Board of Revenue	Communicating Min Con 18th December 1857 No 1324, authorizing to resume the enams of 229 - 5c 5 Cawnie in Keelamady and Toveriman.
-/12	4628	Do.	Informing that if the Copilliars do not hold puttahs and pay assessment for the ground which they wish to use, they must obtain the zemindar's Consent to their occupying it and pay such assessment as he demands which is not to exceed the rate sanctioned by local usage, and requesting the information called for in their Proceedings of 14th October last.
23/12	4629	Do.	Forwarding petition No 2685 for report with reference to B. P. dated 11th September 1857.

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January 2nd Requiring explanation as to what School the Petitioner in No 2806 of 1856 alludes for construction of which his ground was appropriated as the Board are not aware that the Government has erected any School house at Madura ... 1.

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3d Communicating the sanction of Government dated 16 December 1856 for Rs 42 the amount of reward due to a certain informer of Concealed Cultivation to the extent of 85 Rs 7 a 10 p ... 2

3d Do Do dated 16 December 1856 for Rs 57 paid to an informer of certain Concealed Cultivation to the extent of Rs 231. 5 5 ... 3

3d Do Do 16 December 1856 approving of the instructions of the Board with respect to the exhibition of assessment exclusive of certain permanent remissions in the new forms of Village accounts ... 4

1857 January 9 Authorizing destruction of 27 Duftars of Samel and 60 of Salagoo Copies of Chittahs of the Treasury — 5

10 Forwarding certain Books for record — 6

11 Communicating the Endorsement passed on Petition No 1149 of 1856 of Valliatilley and others Curnums of Saudecomboo together with the Petition and Endorsement attached thereto. — 7

15 Calling for the Statement of actual charges incurred on account of Additional Establishment for Fusly 1765 — 8

19 Communicating the Sanction of Government 10 June 1857 directing Compromise the Suit No 26 of 1855 on the file of the Sub Court Madura in the manner suggested by the Acting Sub Collector — 9

R 19 Intimating the Continuance of Maulikanah to the heir of the late Polligar of Coomaravady — 10

20 Calling for the return of Suspension and dismissals of Public Servants for the Quarter ending 31 December 1856. — 11

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January 26 Observing that the letter of the 12 December 1856 No 292 relative to the refund of the piece of Ditch ground decreed in favor of Goorooswamy Sastry has been recorded and that the Sanction of Government is not necessary. 33 12

R 27 Declining to recommend the Continuance of the Enam in the Sakemungalum as it is clearly a personal grant 13

28 Forwarding certain Books for record 14

29 Prohibiting the entry in future half ploughs in the Accounts. 15

R 30 Forwarding for Circulation Copies of English and Tamil advertisement relative to the Pearl Fishery in Ceylon 16

30 Returning for Correction the Report of the Acting Sub Collector relative to the Ungalamdy Estate for Fusly 1266 which contains clerical errors and unintelligible 18.

Feby R 1 Relative to the Establishment of a Museum of Geology at Calcutta. 20.

5 Requesting to be furnished with a List of the Names in Tamil of the Villages in the Talooks 24.

R 5 Directing that the Revenue & Engineer Officers should define the limits of the several ports as required in Secs III & IV of Act 22 of 1855 27.

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February 9. Communicating Min Con 21 January 1857 directing that the Burial Grounds may be inspected yearly and brief report of their Condition made to Government thro' D P W. — 30
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9. Forwarding Certain Books for record — 31

10. Requesting to be informed whether the Roman Coins alluded to in the former Correspondence have been obtained, and if so to forward them. — 32

17. Authorizing destruction of Certain records in the Talook of Mircoomingalom — 33

20. Requesting expedite the despatch of Revenue Administration Report due on the 30th April — 36

21. Authorizing the Continuance to Kadersah the Enam enjoyed by his late father for the maintenance of Certain Tombs in the Madacolum Talook. — 37
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March 2d. Communicating Min Con 9 February 1857 sanctioning the statements of actual Charges incurred for Fasli 1265 and request Explantion in regard to Certain Items disallowed by Governt — 39

2d. Requesting to be informed whether Peter has been retained in the Public service as his name did not appear in the Return of Suspensions for November — 46

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March 3.d Requesting Explanation why certain [illegible] charges were not included with the [illegible] expenditure of the whole District in the year in which they were incurred. 47.

5 Observing that they have sanctioned the payment from the funds of the Shevagunga Zemindary of the amount recommended by the Collector for a Police Royasum[illegible] the Paramagoody Moonsiff 48

5 Communicating Min Con 20 February 1857 sanctioning the entertainment of a Gomastah on a salary 10 Rs per Month in the Court of District Moonsiff of Paramagoody 49.

6 Do Endorsement passed on Petition No 2183 of 1856 declining the Continuance of the Village of [illegible] on a Quit Rent tenure 50

6 Sanctioning the appointment of the Zemindar of [illegible] to be the Trustee of the Pagoda at [illegible] in the [illegible] Talook 51.

7 Requesting to expedite the despatch of the annual report on the working of the Press due on the 30 April [illegible] 5[illegible]

March 9 R Communicating the Endorsement on Petn No 3544 of 1856 } 53

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13 Sanctioning the Charges proposed to be incurred in the District on account of addl Establishment for F. 1266 amounting to Rs 852 } 57

13 Observation on the Statement of Extra Charges on account of additional Establishment employed in certain Districts in Fuslies 1264 & 1265 with Mm Con 11 February 1857 No 160 } 58

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19 Requesting to state the opinion of the Coll[ecto]r whether the appointment of a successor to the deceased watcher is really necessary to the comfort of the surviving Members of the family of Moodoorumaling a Saithoo patty deposed Poligar of Ramnad — 64 — not found

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19 Communicating the Endorsement paper on Petition No 717 of 1857 — 66

23 Forwarding Copy of Mr Lushington's report on Ramnad which accompanied the Collector's letter of the 24 Decr 1800, and calling Mr Sullivans attention to the Board's letter of the 1st March 1849 — 67.

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27 Calling for the early report of the Ramnad Zemindary for F 1265 — 68.

27 Forwarding a revised form of Statement shewing the manner in which it is to be filled all the Settlement Beriz including the ready money Collections — 69.

31 Forwarding Copies of Certain Papers connected with the Ramnad Zemindary and stating that a further search will be made for the remaining Papers — 72

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April 4 Communicating Min Con 25 March sanctioning certain extent of land for Village Sites in Munkeeray Talook and requesting further information as to the rate of Quit Rent if any to be imposed } 73

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4 Directing that the Collector will make no alteration in the management of the lands claimed by the Zemindar of Yettiapoorum as forming part of his Estate pending the result of the Appeal - } 76

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4 Requesting to state to what Teerwah the survey Paddy fields entered as Cultivated with Poonjah Crops in F 1264 and calling for further information in regard to the reduction of survey assessment in 7 Villages in Madacolum and Meylore Talooks } 79

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6 Communicating the Endorsement on Petn No 734 of 1856. } 82

8 Confirming the sale of lands entered in the Statement which accompanied the Collector's letter of the 14th March 1857. } 83

15 Sanctioning the disbursements of Rs 288. 12 being the value of 28 Roman Gold Coins purchased on account of Government } 8[illegible]

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April. 17 Forwarding certain Books for records — 37

20th Stating that the Acting Collector has omitted to furnish any calculation in proof of the assertion of the Head Sheristadar that he has completed the term of Service entitling to the highest rate of Salary 70 per Mensem and requesting the deficiency may be supplied — 85

21 Sanctioning the alterations proposed in Mr. Sullivan's revised List for meeting the Expenses of printing Establishment of this Collectorate 86

23d Returning the Statement of actual charges incurred on account of additional Establishment for F. 1265. with a request to have a fresh one prepared with alterations and additions pointed out ;.. 87

25th Requesting to notify to every Curnum who is unable to write on Paper, that he must learn to do so by the 30 June or vacate his situation, and empowering the Collector to remove summarily every Curnum who is incompetent to write on Paper and appoint their nearest relation if there be a competent one. and if not to nominate some other party and stating that their relatives are prohibited from preparing the accounts 91

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April 29th R. Sanctioning the appointment of Veeramalay Jackappachy Goundan to the Manager-ship of the 4 Davastanams of Coimbatore } 93

30th Calling for the Statement of average Bazar prices for March 1857 } 94

30. Requesting that the average Monthly disbursements of each Talook Treasury may be given and a Note appended of the Establishment of Shroffs at each } 95.

May 1st R. Authorizing to conduct the O.S. Nos. 30 & 37 of 1856 on the file of the Sub Court against the Sub Collector in the first instance at the Public expense } 97

4th Informing that the Agent to the Male Asylum Press has been desired to furnish with a Copy of the Madras Almanac for 1857 the Cost of which to include in the Contingent Bill } 106.

4th R. Observing that the duty of defining the limits of the ports of the District is to be effected by the Collector in Communication with the Marine and not the Revenue Board } 107.

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May 6th Believing that the owner of the Roman Coins to sell all of them to Government and Mr Sullivan will report the same and also requesting the informed to whom the other Coins were sold and at what price. 108.

6. Relative to the reduction of Assessment in the Village of Combay, Chinnamanoor and Makiniculam in Periakulam Taluk. 109 not found

6th Requesting any further Order is necessary in the Case stated in the Collector's letter of the 25th April 1857. No. 78. 114.

6th Calling for further explanation in regard to the reduction of Garden assessment in the Madura District. 115 not found

8th Stating that they have transferred the Collector's letter of the 9th April 1856. respecting the Conservancy of Cumbum Valley to the Conservator of Forest. 116. not found

11th Communicating the Sentiments of Commander in Chief about the withdrawal of the Detachment at Dindigul, Ramnad and 117.

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May 12 Authorizing the destruction of the old Tamil Records } 121

14 Explaining that Regn. V of 1822 does not apply in Cases where the Government Officers are parties, and he is informed that he should proceed under Section XXXV Regn. XXVIII of 1802 } 122

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15 Conveying the Sanction of Govt. 15 May 1857 for the reduction of Survey assessment as regards the Hunjah Tax in 7 Villages in Madacolum and Maylore Talooks amounting to 12½ per Cent on Survey rates in Chintamany and to 25 per Cent in other 6 Villages & Mr Sullivan will carry into effect the arrangements in the present Fusly and it will be determined eventually whether the privilege shall be accorded entire or only partially } 123

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May 15. Calling for further Explanation in the Case of Titular Zemindar of Nellacottah } 126

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15. Communicates the Board's Endorsement on Petition No. 343. 757. 450-1345 & 985 of 1857 stating that the Board have no power to decide the Question of reconstructing a ruined Tank in the Village of Daseryputty referring the party to seek redress in the Civil Court } 128-

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18. Observing that Cullivalyputty which was held by the Small Pagoda at Coilputty on Surva Maniem tenure was allotted in 1834 to the Curnum attached to the Pagoda and therefore it should not be withdrawn from him } 130

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18. Conveying the Sanction of Goverment 5 May 1857 No 419 that a rate of 2 Fanams per Cooly be fixed on all lands whatever be the produce excepting in the Case of plantains in the Lower range } 131. not found

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May 9 Desiring to state the name of the Village in which the Enam is situated and of the Davastanum to which it belongs alluded to in the Collector's letter of the 30th April 1857. — 133

10 Requesting to expedite the despatch of the Revenue Administration Report for the Current Offl. Year due on the 30th April. — 134

20th Concurring with the Ag. Collector in opinion that the Public Bungalow at Pumbeen tho' the number of Travellers are not considerable should be maintained, & the Estimate for its repair will be referred to the Chief Engineer for such examination as he deems necessary — 135

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22d Informing that they have caused a vain search to be made in the Records of the Office about the Papers alluded to by the Collector 137

25 Forwarding the Answer in Ramnad Suit No. 1 No 9 of 1857 138

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May 30. Forwarding the Petition of the Fischer with a direction to report early, and stating that the land which the Copalairs have obtained for Salt Petre should remain as at present till the orders are passed in the case — 139.

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June 3. Directing that the tax may be remitted to the land taken for an English School — 140.

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5. Proceedings on the report of the Town of Madura for 1856 Considering at the same time that 12 years purchase would be a fair price to both parties. — 141.

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8. Transmitting the Statement of Uniyacut for F 1264 with a request to return them with the vacant Colm filled up — 157½

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9. Communicating Min Con 25 May observing that the case of 2 Cheyx of Nunjah land appertaining to the office of Curnum Moorapse of Caroongalagoody in the Maylore Talook have been disposed of by the Collector on the simple report of Tahsildar & remanding the case to the Collector with a direction to pass decision under Regn VI of 1831 — 158.

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June 9 Observing that the instructions of the Collector to his Sub Collector are in Conformity with the Orders of Government in Extract Min Con 7 October 1856 — 159

12 Authorizing the payment to Rama Row Head Sheristadar of the District of the Superior rate of Salary - Viz^t 700 Rs per Month from 21 March last — 160

12 Requesting to expedite the despatch of the Estimate of Charges proposed to be incurred on Account of Additional Establishment in F 1267 — 161

12 D^o. D^o of the report of Local fund with as little delay as possible — 162

12 Communicating Min Con 3^t June 1856 relative to the submission of Season report, which would be rendered more valuable if they contain the exact quantity of rain that had fallen at a given number of places in each District — 163 R

13 Requesting to explain the Cause of difference in the Statement showing the receipts & Sales of Salt in the Dist^t for F 1265 — 164

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June 16 Forwarding Certain printed Books for records. 165

22d. Stating that the Court of Wards will not refuse Sanction to the purchase of a Poney for the use of the Minor Zemindar of Ungacoody, but in future that an application for authority may be made previously to incurring such expense } 166

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26. Sanctioning the Estimate amounting to Rs 173 for the repair of the travellers Bungalow at Pummilen for execution | 172

" 30 Communicating Minu Con 17 June 1857 regarding the reduction of the assessment on the Garden lands of this District, and observing that it is not intended that a fresh assessment shall be proposed for the Garden land on the upper range of the Pulney Hills - & that as the Hills are situated in the Dindigul Division in which the Nunjah tax is every where Considered at present as Consolidated on 2 Crops, the land in question will be Entered in the accounts simply as Nunjah. | 174

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R 2d. Advising the despatch of the Book Containing the whole Proceedings connected with the Suit of Shevagungah Zemindary printed for the perusal of the Privy Council. — 178. Enc. not found

R 2d. Communicating Min Con. of the 11 June 1857 No 606. desiring to be informed certain points connected with certain lapsed Vadavirthy Enam previously passing Orders in the case. — 179.

4th Calling for the report on the Enam lands held by Rijnah Mohomed promised in his tabular report of 30th April 1857 and directing that the Collector in his future reports on lapsed Enams will include all the lands or emoluments enjoyed by the deceased parties: — 180.

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10 Do Min Con 19 June 1857 No 1190 desiring the Board will direct the Collectors to write the Cash accounts of the Treasury in properly stitched Books - each days accounts should after the balance is struck be signed by the Cash Keeper the Hd Goomastah attached to the Treasury & Hd Shroff - and } 186

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15 Communicating Mun Con 8 July 1857 No 684 informing that no orders can be passed on the report of the Town fund till they receive the decision of Govt of India in respect to the abolition of Mohturpha in several Districts - 191

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24 Stating that the Board see no objection to the Debts No 1 to 6 to be due by the late Cobalacondama Naik uncle of the Minor Zemindar of Anyacoody — 200.

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2d Declining to sanction the purchase of new Kercals for the use of Salt Pans &c & suggesting their repair for the present 2[illegible]

7 Do to sanction the entertainment of a Massaljee for the printing office as one forms no portion of the printing Establishment 25

8th Returning for revision of the Statement of Lands proposed to be given to Devastanums in lieu of their Enams wh have become unprofitable in the Village of Vadakurray in Kenkeeray(?) Talook 25

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27 Requesting Copy of the Plaint and other information in the matter of the Suit brought by the Ranee of Rammad for the recognition of her adoption of the Mootoorawalinga Tavern as heir to succeed to the Zemin of Rammad — R

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29 Requesting that all Communications forwarded to their Office may be duly docketted & purported previous to dispatch — 278

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4 Returning the Statement Exhibiting the apparent loss in the Stock of Salt occasioned by the change of the Equivalent of 120 Indian Maunds, for revision — 281.

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12. Directing to retransmit without delay filled up, the Statement shewing the Ayacut Cultn & waste from F 1212 to 1264 and calling for a report relative to Nunjah & Poonjah assessment of 7 Villages — 293.

12 Forwarding certain Books for the use of the Collector's Office — 295

13 Stating the omission on the part of the Ag Sub Collector in charge, of the date on wh the Answer in O S No 9 of 1857 should be filed and directing that he will apply to the Court for additional time — 296.

13 Calling further information regarding the case of succession of a Sweeper in the service of the family of the late Moodoorama-linga Saithoopathy at Ramnad — 297.

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Novr 14 Communicating Copy of a Memo from the Superintendent of Governt Press about the Charge to be made according to the Scale received from Governt Office for such work as is mentioned in the Collector's letter of the 27 June 1857. 299

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11 Resolving that the Ag Collector's letter dated 24 Novr about the omission to forward copy of the Plaint in OS No 10 of 1857 be laid before Government | 328 not fd

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11 Communicating Min Con 9 Decr authorizing to withdraw the defence on behalf of Government to the Suit between the Sewarum & Bodinaickenoor on the Cinnamon Garden | 330 not fd

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17 Forwarding Certain Books for the use of the Office — 337.

22d Communicating Min Con 18 Decr 1857 authorizing the resumption of the Enam in Keelamathycattan and Soverinan — 338.

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22d Observing that the Optalicars of Uuyacoody should obtain the Zemindar's Consent to manufacture Saltpetre on the Estate, and pay such assessment as he demands and requests early information called for in their Pro: of the 12 October last in order that the particular Case to which they refer may be decided — 339

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Answered 6th March /57

Revenue Department

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No. 11 R 71

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2nd January 1857

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 6th December 1856.

(Here enter No. 285.)

The Board request that Mr. Sullivan will explain to what English School the Petitioner alludes, and when it was built, as the Board are not aware that the Government has erected any School house at Madura. He will also state in what manner he has satisfied himself that the site of that School was in Petitioner's possession rent free or was within the extent awarded to him by the Decree of Court, which he asserts to have been recently passed in his favor.

(A true Extract)

J. A. Sim
Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.
Acting Collector of
Madura.

No. 1

From Board of Revl

Dated 2d Jany 1857

With 1 Enclosure.

Nos 24 Jany 57

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No. 230

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th January 1857.

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 39.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 10th January 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly reporting the death of the titular Zemindar Comaravady and a copy of the Board's Proceedings to the Acting Collector of Madura dated 17th Instant declining to restore the Polliem, and recommending the continuance of the Malekana allowance drawn by Rajagopaul Luckia Naicken to his sole heir Comara Luckia Naicker.	(Here enter 24th December 1856, No. 4393.)

From the order of Government of 5th January 1821, it appears that the Malikhana grant referred to in the foregoing letter is of a permanent nature, and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore sanctions its continuance as recommended by the Board to Coomara Luckia Naicker who is represented to be the sole heir of the late incumbent Rajagopaul Luckia Naicker of Comaravady Polliem.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madura and Collector of Trichinopoly.

(A true Extract & Copy)

[signature]

Acting Secretary.

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Acting Collector of Madura.

Exd. ?m

From Board of Reve

Dated 19 Jany 1837

Recd 30 Jany /57 — No. 313. — 75 — 13.

Remarks of the Board of Revenue on a Report on a lapsed Enam.

No. 4639. From the Acting Collector of Madura, 7th November 1856.

In support of this Enam, is produced copy of an Enoyetnamah by Nawab Nasseer-ool-Moolk, bearing date Hegria 1214 / A.D. 1799 purporting to be founded on an Enoyet-namah (not forthcoming) of Nawab Ameerul Hindie Wallajah, Oomdatool-oomrah. The Enam is clearly a personal grant. The word Al-ool dawam, or "permanent," is found in the grantee's copy, but not in the renter's copy of the Enoyetnamah, nor is it contained (tho' this is of less consequence) in the renter's order to the Villagers. The grantee's copy of the Enoyetnamah therefore is subject to great suspicion, and the Board feel precluded by this circumstance from recommending the continuance of the Enam.

Revenue Board Office
Fort Saint George
27th January 1857 } By order,

[signature]
Acting Secretary

To
R. J. Sullivan Esqr.
Acting Collector of Madura

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of 1856.

From Board of Revenue

Dated 27th January 1857.

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No. 344

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th January 1857.

Read letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. dated 23rd January 1857.

(Here enter No.)

Ordered that copies of the Advertisement received with the above letter be forwarded to the Collectors of the Districts noted in the margin, with a request that they will circulate them in their Districts as extensively as possible.

[S]outh Arcot	30
[...]pore	30.
[Tr]ichinopoly	8.
Madurah	30.
[T]innevelly	30

(A true Extract)

J A Sim[...]

Ag Secretary.

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Ag Collector of Madura.

From Board of Reve

Dated 30 Jany 1807

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENT.

PEARL FISHERY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Pearl Fishery will take place at Aripo, in the Island of Ceylon, on or about the 1st of March, 1857; and that the Bank to be fished, is the North-west part of the Chivel Paar, estimated to contain oysters sufficient to employ Seventy-five boats for Fifteen days.

It is therefore recommended that such Boat-owners and Divers as may wish to be employed at the said Fishery, should be at Aripo on or before the 20th February next.

The Fishery will be conducted on account of Government, and the oysters put up to sale in such lots as may be deemed expedient.

The arrangements of the Fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions.

All payments to be made in ready money in Ceylon Currency, or in East India Company's Rupees.

Drafts on the Banks in Colombo, or Bills on the Agents of this Government in India at Ten days' sight will be taken, on letters of Credit being produced to warrant the drawing of such Drafts or Bills.

For the convenience of purchasers, the Treasurer at Colombo and the different Government Agents of Provinces will be authorized to receive Cash Deposits from parties intending to become purchasers, and Receipts of these Officers will be taken in payment of any sums due on account of the Fishery.

No deposit will be received for a less sum than Fifty pounds.

By His Excellency's Command,
C. J. MacCarthy,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 13th, 1856.

Translation.

STATEMENT.

Size of Basket.	Quality of Pearls Extracted.	Quantity of Pearls.	Weight of Pearls Extracted. Manchady.	Kalancy.	Chew.	Rate of Valuation per Chew and Kalancy.	Value of Pearls. Rupees.	Annas.	Pice.	
20th	Anie (Round) ...	1	$\frac{11}{16}$	”	$\frac{113}{320}$	}				
	do.	1	$\frac{9}{16}$	”	$\frac{76}{320}$	12 pagodas per Chew ...	30	1	”	
	do.	1	$\frac{13}{32}$	”	$\frac{40}{320}$	}				
30th	do.	1	$\frac{11}{32}$	”	$\frac{28}{320}$	} 10 pagodas do. ...	6	12	2	
	do.	1	$\frac{6}{16}$	”	$\frac{34}{320}$	}				
50th	do.	2	$\frac{13}{32}$	”	$\frac{20}{320}$	10 do. do. ...	2	3	”	
80th	Anie & Anathary	11	2	”	$\frac{84}{320}$	10 do. do. ...	9	3	”	
	Kalippo	25	”	$\frac{17}{80}$	”	16 do. per Kalancy	11	14	2	
	Cooroowel	”	”	$\frac{17}{80}$	”	8 do. do. ...	5	15	”	
100th	Vadiwoe	”	”	$\frac{33}{80}$	”	}				
200th	do.	”	”	$\frac{26}{80}$	”	7 do. do. ...	24	13	”	
400th	do.	”	”	$\frac{22}{80}$	”	}				
600th 800th 1000th	Tool	”	”	$1\frac{3}{4}$	”	$2\frac{1}{2}$ do. do. ..	15	5	”	
	Peesal ... Kodey ... Karoppo ...	”	”	$\frac{25}{40}$	”	2 do. do. ...	4	5	”	
							110	9		£11 [illegible]

Colombo, 25th November, 1856.

G. Lee,
C. P. Layard,
J. Higgs.

GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM,

IN CONNEXION WITH THE

GOVT OF INDIA LIBRARY

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA,

HASTINGS' STREET, CALCUTTA.

The Government of India having recently sanctioned a considerable extension of the "Museum of Economic Geology for India," which had for some years existed under the careful superintendence of Mr. Piddington in connexion with the Asiatic Society of Bengal, the attention of all who may be interested in the study of Geology, and of all who may desire the internal improvement of this country, is solicited to the objects of this Institution; and their aid in the promotion of these objects is requested.

In the year 1840, a Museum of Economic Geology for India was established, under the sanction of the Honorable the Court of Directors. Its objects and aim were clearly set forth in a brief statement drawn up by Mr. Piddington, and freely circulated at the time. In conjunction with the Asiatic Society of Bengal, and in their Rooms, it grew into some importance, and gradually became the depository of many good and valuable specimens, illustrative of the mineral wealth of this country. But simultaneously with its growth, the Science of Geology itself was rapidly attaining its present development. All cognate Sciences were spreading their domain, and the results of investigations in each were becoming more widely and more largely known. Since then, also, the study of Mineralogy, of Geology, and of Chemistry, has been introduced as a part of the established course of Education, and the practical applications of these Sciences to Mining and to Engineering generally will soon be as regularly taught in this country as they have been for years past in Europe.

The extension of the Museum had become, therefore, essential if it were to keep pace with the progress of knowledge, and to retain any of its value as a means and aid to instruction. With this view, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council has given orders for the formation, on a much more extended scale than hitherto, of a general Geological Collection, with a special view to illustrate the geological structure, the mineral wealth, and the manufacturing resources of this Empire. A commodious house has been rented for the purpose at present, and it is intended that abundant accommodation shall be provided for the Museum in the new building for the University in Calcutta, when the Geological Collection will form a portion of the general collections of Natural History to be connected with that establishment.

In the Museum now in progress of formation, every thing tending to illustrate the Geology of this Country, in its widest sense, will find a place. The history of the Science, the progress of its investigations, the nature of its classifications, the phenomena with which it is concerned, the laws of those phenomena, will all be illustrated. The grand series of organisms, the remains of which occur in such

abundance in various deposits, will be exhibited; and the whole Natural History of rocks traced out so far as collections enable this to be done. By the aid of Drawings, such objects as cannot be procured will be made familiar to the Student, and by the use of Maps, the structure of countries, which it would be impossible for many to visit, will be made known.

While thus endeavouring to render the Student acquainted with the principles of the Science, the practical applications of these principles will, at the same time, be fully exhibited. Mining processes, mining products, and the principal metallurgical operations, will also be included, and the comparative excellence of each, so far as possible, made known. The building materials of the Country, and their applications, the localities where used, the durability, the facility of working, the strength, &c., of the stones, will all be examined into. The importance of Mineral Waters must not be overlooked, and the value of these will be determined by careful investigations.

Further, in a country so essentially agricultural as India, the character of the soils and subsoils, their peculiar adaptation to peculiar crops, their composition, and, in dependance upon this, the easiest means of renewing or increasing their fertility; all these are important questions which at once connect themselves with the researches of the Geologist, inasmuch as the natural powers of any soil depend essentially on the source from which that soil has been derived, and therefore on the geological structure of the district.

To enable such enquiries to be effectively carried out, a small Laboratory is attached to the Museum, where such analyses and investigations as may be requisite will be carried on; and it is hoped that most valuable, because accurate and detailed, information may thus be acquired.

Moreover, careful summaries of all existing knowledge on the geological structure of the Country will be compiled and arranged, so as to facilitate reference. Much has been done in investigating the geological structure of this Country, and very valuable papers have been given to the public, descriptive of various parts of India. But these facts are scattered through various periodicals, are often only incidentally noticed in travels, or can be found only in manuscript among the Records of Public Offices. Many of these are with difficulty intelligible, from the writers frequently calling similar objects by different names, or *vice versâ*. It is, therefore, necessary to obtain the key to the terms used before these can be compared. It will be an object with the Officers of the Geological Survey to remove this difficulty, and to bring into an accessible form every thing which has been published bearing on the geological structure, the mineral wealth, or the manufacturing industry (so far as this is concerned with mineral products) of this Empire.

The Museum of Geology has been placed in connexion with, and under the same superintendence as, the Geological Survey of India. By this means opportunities will be afforded of procuring a very perfect series of the rocks, fossils, and minerals of the Districts visited by that Survey. But the aid of all is solicited in completing such local collections as may illustrate the structure of the several districts. Every one will be able to contribute something of value. Those permanently resident in any locality have infinitely greater advantages and facilities for procuring good illustrations of its mineral structure and products than any visitor could enjoy, and from such we confidently look for much that will prove of great interest and of great value. Every thing which can, in any way, tend to illustrate the rocks, the fossils, the minerals, or the practical applications of these will prove interesting.

Regarding the nature and properties of all specimens forwarded, the fullest information will be freely afforded, on application to the Curator of the Museum. Organic remains will be examined, and,

so far as possible, carefully named for contributors, and every facility given for the investigation of any particular subject or any particular line of research connected with Geology.

The formation of a Library of reference, in connection with the Museum, has been sanctioned, and has already made considerable progress. Under proper restrictions, this will be accessible to all Students of Geology, and others interested in such enquiries.

Catalogues of the several departments of the Museum will be issued from time to time. Public Officers, and other persons in all parts of India, are requested to send contributions. All specimens, carefully packed, may be forwarded by the safest and most economical mode of conveyance, addressed to

THE MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY,
No. 1, HASTINGS' STREET,
Calcutta.

And it is requested that a communication stating fully the wishes of the donors may, at the same time, be forwarded by post to

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY,
No. 1, HASTINGS' STREET,
Calcutta.

Rules for Admission of Public, &c.

The Museum will be open daily, excepting Sundays, from 10 *o'clock* A. M. *to* 6 P. M.

ADMISSION FREE.

VISITORS are requested to enter their names, and number of party, in a Book provided for that purpose.

The attendants in the Museum are strictly forbidden to speak to, or interfere with visitors in any way, excepting for the protection of the Museum and its contents.

It is particularly requested, that any irregularity or want of civility may be reported at once to the Curator of the Museum.

The collections being exposed for public benefit, it is confidently hoped that the public will feel the importance of carefully preserving what conduces to their instruction and advantage, and will therefore aid the Officers of the Museum in the discharge of their duty.

Students of Geology, or persons desirous of information on any special point, are requested to apply to the Curator at the Museum on Tuesdays and Saturdays, between the hours of twelve and four. In particular cases, this aid will be afforded at any time; but as it is essential that the Officers in charge of the Museum should be able to devote much of their attention to the arrangement of the collections, to the examination of specimens, and to the general duties of their Office, it is hoped that the public will aid in these objects by not interrupting them, under ordinary circumstances, at other times than those fixed above.

Gentlemen interested in geological pursuits, mines, &c., in special agricultural objects, or in the use of new or untried building materials, &c., who may desire detailed examination of any mineral substance, or definite information for a special object, are requested to apply by letter (post paid) addressed to the *Director of the Museum of Geology*, 1, *Hastings' Street, Calcutta*, stating as clearly as possible their wishes. All such communications will be attended to at the earliest possible opportunity, and in the order of their receipt.

Visitors and others are requested to contribute to the collections every thing which may appear interesting, or locally peculiar.

The servants of the Museum are prohibited, under pain of instant dismissal, from asking for, or receiving, any gratuity whatever, and it is hoped that none may be offered.

The Museum will be open from the 1st day of January 1857.

To
The Collector of
Madura
for information

JOHN GRAY, "CALCUTTA GAZETTE" OFFICE.

Circular

No. 428 Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 8th February 1857

Read the following

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Marine.

No. 2387.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22nd December 1856.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department, dated 31st October 1856, No. 332.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary Marine Board.

Here enter 21st October 1856, No. 2723.

The Governor in Council observes that Extract Minutes Consultation 21st February 1856, para. 11, to which the Marine Board have drawn attention does, as they point out, direct that the Revenue and Engineer Officers of the Maritime Districts shall in conjunction with the Master Attendant, where there is one, define the limits of the several ports as required in Sections III and IV, Act XXII. 1855.

2. The ports to be brought under the Act have been since Extract Minutes Consultation 21st August last, stated to be those published in the Gazette of 13th September 1844, with such which must be very few, as have since been added as authorized, places for the Shipment or landing of Cargo.

3. The Governor in Council now resolves to direct the Collector's of Maritime Districts to proceed as expeditiously as possible to define the limits of the several ports in their respective Districts, with the aid of the Civil Engineer of the District, when his assistance is procurable; and the Master Attendant, when there is such a Functionary, and to report the limits of each port of the Marine Board as fast as they are defined. It will be the duty of the Marine Board to see that there is no delay in this particular, and to bring to the notice of Government any Collectors who may exhibit dilatoriness in the matter.

Vizagapatam. Paumben.
Coringa. Keelakurry.
Nursapore. Cochin.

4 The ports referred to in the Board's letter of 27th ultimo as per margin, should engage the first attention of the Collector's of the Districts in which they are situated.

5. The limits of the port of Madras should be defined by the Marine Board, in communication with the Collector of Madras, and the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division.

6. The Government agree with the Board that the questions about each port, and the rules for each, may be submitted separately as soon as they are ready, with regard however to port dues, nothing can be done towards their final settlement, until the Government have before them the data for which they have so repeatedly called.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Chief Engineer.

(A true Extract.)

J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Copy communicated to the Collectors of Maritime Districts, and to the Collector of

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of Madras and Sea Customs respectively

(A true Extract and Copy)

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Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esqre

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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Letter from H. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st October 1856, No. 2723.

SIR,

1. With reference to Minutes of Consultation No. 312, of 11th October 1856, I am desired by the Marine Board to beg the attention of Government to para. 11, of Minutes of Consultation No. 54 of 21st February 1856, which placed on the Revenue and Engineer Officers of the Maritime Districts the duty of defining the limits of the several Ports, but by the Minutes of Consultation quoted at the beginning of this letter Government direct the Marine Board to define the limits of the same Ports, and the Board now desire me to solicit instructions as to what authorities shall define the limits.

2. The Board beg me to recommend to Government the questions about each Port should be disposed of separately as followed for Calcutta and Chittagong; the Port Rules for each being separately prepared and submitted, and approved of by Government; the Port dues should be limited for the present to one anna for out Ports, and to three annas for Madras, per ton of shipping levied once in six months, and permission should be given to revise the Port Rules from time to time.

(A true Copy.)

J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No 50
From Bd of Revenue
Dated 5 Feby 1857
With 1 Enclosure

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on the 13 Feby 1857

Circular

No. 468

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th February 1857.

Read the following

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Ecclesiastical.

No. 143.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 21st January 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 9th January 1857, No. 11.

Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation Public Works Department.

Referring a letter from the Chief Engineer on the subject of enclosing Burial grounds at Rajahmundry, Cocanada and Junnaikpooram in the District of Rajahmundry. } (Here enter 20th December 1856, No. 2375.)

The Government concur with the Venerable the Archdeacon that it is desirable rules should be laid down for restricting the size of monuments to be erected, and the space to be allotted for graves, in Burial grounds at out stations. They accordingly request that the Archdeacon will be good enough to submit for approval, draft regulations for this purpose.

Extract Minutes Consultation 9th May 1848, No. 141.

2. The Government think unnecessary to adopt the measure suggested by the Venerable the Archdeacon in para. 8 of his letter to the Chief Engineer of the 3rd Instant the duty of the Civil authorities in charge of out station Burial grounds to see that they are kept in decent order.

3. The other measures suggested in that and the succeeding para. seem, however, proper and the Venerable Archdeacon will be requested to embody them in his draft rules.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council further directs that the Burial grounds of each District be inspected yearly by the Collector or by one of his Assistants, and a brief report of their condition made to Government thro' the Department of Public Works. The inspection should extend to all Protestant Burial ground as well those disused as those now in use, with particular notice of the older monuments or grave stones.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Revenue for communication to the several Collectors, and also to the Chief Engineer.

(A true Extract.)

J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the above paper be communicated to all Collectors.
(A true Extract & Copy)

[signature]
Acting Secretary.

To
R. I. Sullivan Esqr.
Acting Collector of Madura.

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From Bread of Have
Dated 9 July 1857

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st February 1857.

Read the following:

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 144.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 6th February 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Madura, reporting upon a certain lapsed Enam in his district and recommending that two thirds of it be continued to Kadershah the eldest son of the late holder and that Hoossain Shah the foster son of the latter be allowed to remain in possession of the one-third share which he at present holds.	(Here enter 17th January 1857.)

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the continuance to Kader Shah the Enam enjoyed by his late father Syed Nubbee for the maintenance of certain Tombs in the Madacolum talook of the District of Madura.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. Forbes

Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madura.

(True Extract & Copy)

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Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esqr.

Acting Collector of

Madura.

From Board of Reve
Dated 2d Feby 1857
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محمد شاه غازی
بادشاه فدوی
محمد علی خان

عاملان حال و استقبال تعلقه صدیره متعلقه ترخان علی بود اشتند

موازی دوازده ۱۲ مرکا (؟) ی زمین تری معه زمین خشکی در سواد موضع الیانور علاقه تعلقه مذکور

بموجب اسناد حکام پیشین در وجه مدد معاش مطالب شاه درویش مقرر و جاریست

در سنه لا بنور بدستور سابق حسب الضمن بحال داشته شد باید که اراضی مذکور موافق معمول

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نموده بدعای دوام دولت ابدیت اشتغال مواظبت نموده باشد

تاریخ سوم شهر رمضان المبارک سنه ۱۲ هجری قلمی شد سه خص نوید سعد

شرح خص بموجب فرد سوال مستخطی شرح مقلم در آمده موازی دوازده

مرکای تری معه زمین خشکی در سواد موضع الیانور متعلقه صدیره بموجب اسناد حکام پیشین در وجه

مدد معاش مطالب شاه درویش مقرریست در سنه لا بنور بحال داشته شد شرح

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مطابق کتاب خفیه پروانجات وغیره نقل نوشتم احمد العبد تقصیر منشی

True Copy
W Sullivan

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Revenue Department

No. 696

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 6th March 1857.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 2d. January 1857.

(Here enter No. 3)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 2183 of 1856.

"From the reply of the Persian Translator to Government, communicated in the Extract Minutes Consultation of the 2d. January 1857, the Board learn that the documents submitted by the Petitioners do not warrant the continuance of the Village of Yellarputty on quit rent after the demise of Munshe Habeeb Oollah, Petitioners' grand father. The Petitioners' prayer cannot therefore be complied with."

(A true Extract)

L. Dorless.
Ag Sub Secretary.

To

R. I. Sullivan Esq.
Ag Collector of Madura.

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from the Bishop [illegible]

Dated 6 March 1857

With Letter

Copy furnished to Sub Collr
12 March 1857

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Revenue Department

No 897

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 6th March 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 14th February 1857.

(Here enter No 33.)

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the foregoing letter, the Board of Revenue sanction the appointment of the Zemindar of Gunta-manaiknoor to be the Trustee of the Pagoda at Jumbulpootoor in the Tenkurray Talook of the Madura District.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Actg Secretary

To
R. J. Sullivan Esqr
Actg Collector of Madura.

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[signature]

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From Board of Rev
Dated 6 March/57

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March, 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 30th January 1857.

(Here enter No. 24.)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos. 3544, 3545 3566. 3637 of 1856 and 374 of 1857.

From a report received from the Collector it appears that Petitioner, Acting Curnum Goomastah, was dismissed on conviction of various acts of malversation. The charges comprized frauds practised in the preparation of the public Accounts, and in the classification of land, and embezzlement of collections made from the Ryots on account of Government.

2. Under these circumstances the Board confirm the sentence of dismissal.

(A true Extract)

L. Forbes.
Acting Sub Secretary

To,
R. J. Sullivan Esq.
Acting Collector of Madura.

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No. 100

From the Board of Revenue

Dated 9 March 1857

With 5 Enclosures

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Orig^l letters re^d to fwd with letter 9^th May 1857.

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No. 781

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12^th March 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 22^d December 1856.

(Here enter No. 294)

Ordered that the original Papers noted in the margin be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura with a request that they be returned when no longer required.

From Mr. Lushington to Board of Revenue 20^th Infons 28^th August 1799.
From Special Commission to Govt. 12^th infons 18^th Augt. 1802 No. 48.
From Board to Government 12^th March 1797 No. 115.
From Government to Special Commission 15^th infons 23^d Feby. 1803 No. 172.
From Mr. Parish 12^th March 1803.
From Mr. Lushington 19^th April infons 12^th May 1802 No. 39.
From Mr. Lushington 9^th June 1802 No. 35.

2. The Government have been applied to for the remaining papers required by Mr. Sullivan.

(A true Extract)

J A Sim[?]

Ag Secretary.

To,

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Ag Collector of Madura.

No 106
Fourche [illegible]
Dated 12 March 1807

Recd 28 March 57

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No. 921

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March, 1857.

Read letter from the Ag Collector of Madura dated 6th March 1857.

(Here enter No. 51)

Ordered that a Copy of Mr. Lushington Report on Ramnad, which accompanied his letter dated 29th December 1800. Enclosure No. 5. be furnished to the Acting Collector of Madura in compliance with his request contained in para. 4 of the above letter.

2. Mr. Sullivan's attention is also called to Mr. Parker's letter dated 1st March 1849, which contains a further account of the Zemindars of Ramnad.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Ag Secretary.

To, R. J. Sullivan Esq

Ag Collector of Madura.

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 23 March /67

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Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George,
31st March 1857.

No. 991.

From

I. D. Sim Esq.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

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To

R. I. Sullivan Esq.
Acting Collector of Madura.

Sir,

With reference to Para 2 of the Board's Proceedings dated the 12th March 1857 No. 701, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith Copies of the Papers noted in the Margin furnished by Government and to state that a further search will be made for the remaining Papers* specified in your letter 22nd December 1856.

From Collr. of Ramnad to Board of Revenue 23rd February 1795.
Minute of Lord Hobart dated 2nd March 1795.
To Collr. of Ramnad 4th July 1795.

*General letter dated 10th June 1795 Paras 55 @ 58.
" 5th June 1799 Paras 4 @ 8.
Procs. of Govt. dated 3rd March 1795.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
31st March, 1857.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

To,
R. I. Sullivan Esq.
Acting Collector of
Madura.

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31. March /57

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To Rd. 26 June /57

Revenue Department 73.

No. 1024

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April, 1857.

Read the following.

1.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, forwarding an application for lands proposed to be allotted as sites for new hamlets.

(Here enter No. 249)

In the letter of 27th March 1856, the Collector repeated the suggestion made in a previous communication× that the local Officers should be allowed, when waste land is not available, to allot Sheigal or assessed lands for the formation of a new hamlet, or the extension of Village sites. The recommendation was based on the facts that the area in some cases was exceedingly large, and that the cultivated portion at the time of the survey was by no means so extensive as it has now become and the extent of land assigned for Village sites was proportionately restricted. Hence from the spread of cultivation the Village sites are now found frequently to be insufficient and inconveniently situated for the agricultural community. Mr. Parker further suggested that lands allotted to cultivating ryots should be exempted from taxation and that non-cultivating ryots should pay assessment for the ground on which they build, but be allowed to redeem it, at so many years purchase. Altho' the rule at present

× From Madura 3d. March 1854.

present is not to exempt Sheigal land from assessment, when houses are built upon it, yet as the spread of cultivation would be facilitated by the formation of new Villages, or the extension of those already existing, the Collector was instructed to report any case, in which it might appear desirable to appropriate Sheigal land to such a purpose, free of assessment. The present application has been submitted in consequence. The extent of Poonjah land purposed to be allotted is 9 c - 3½ ay bearing an assessment of Rupees 13 - 15 - 2. The parties who wish to build on this ground have engaged to cultivate the waste lands contiguous to it and the Board recommend that sanction may be accorded to the Acting Collector to make over the Poonjah land to the applicants rent free or subject to the regular assessment or a light Quit Rent payable by non-cultivators according as on the receipt of the further information required from the Acting Collector the Board may determine.

Pro: to Madura 1st Augt 1856

(A true Extract)

(Sigd) J. D. Sim

Actg Secretary

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 285.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th March 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Madura relative to lands proposed to be allotted as sites for new hamlets; and recommending that sanction be accorded for making over the Poonjah land therein specified to the applicants rent free or otherwise according as the Board may determine on the receipt of further information.	(Here enter 10th March 1857, No. 742.)

Under the circumstances represented, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Acting Collector of Madura to assign for building purposes to the applicants alluded to, 9 C. 3½ As. of Poonjah land in the Tenkurray talook, assessed at Rupees 13-15-2, rent free or otherwise as the Board may determine on receipt of the further information they have called for.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Communicated to the Acting Collector of Madura with Copy of the Board's Proceedings. The Acting Collector will furnish the information required as to the rate of Quit Rent, if any, to be imposed.

(A true Extract & Copy)

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Ag. Secretary.

To,
R. J. Sullivan Esq
Ag. Collector of Madura.

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Revenue Department.

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No 1042

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April, 1857.

Read letter from the Ag Collector of Madura dated 27th March 1857.

(Here enter No. 59)

The Acting Collector will make no alteration in the management &c. of the lands referred to, pending the result of any appeal which may be preferred, or until the expiry of the time allowed for appeal.

2 The future possession &c. of the lands will then be considered on the matter being duly brought to the Board's notice by the Collector.

(A true Extract)

J. A. Lee
Ag Secretary.

To
R. J. Sullivan Esq
Ag Collector of Madura.

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Remis (?) à la Direction [illegible]

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Copy of this & the one to which this is an answer: sent to Sub Collr 2d May 1857

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Revenue Department

No. 1278

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th April 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 31st March 1857:

(Here enter No. 64)

As the Fusly is so far advanced, the Board will not disturb the Acting Collector's orders — but they cannot permit a change of this nature to be prevented by such a cause.

2. The Acting Collector will therefore notify to every Curnum who is reported unable to write on paper, that he must learn to do so by the 30th June or vacate his situation.

3. The Acting Collector will summarily remove every Curnum who is not competent to write on paper by that date, appointing the nearest relative if there be a competent one, and if not, nominating some other party.

4. The Curnums will not be allowed to have their accounts prepared by relatives

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in the ensuing Jusly, but must themselves perform the duty for which they are paid.

(A true Extract)

J. A. [illegible]

Acting Secretary.

To

R. I. Sullivan Esqr.

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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Copy to Sub Collr. for information 2d May 1857

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Revenue Department

No. 1327

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 29th April 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 3d. April 1857, forwarding Copy of a letter from the Sub Collector, supporting his recommendation for the nomination of Tiroomalay Satappachy Gounden to the Managership of the 4 Devastanums in Combay.

(Here enter No. 69.)

The Board sanction the appointment proposed in the foregoing letter.

(A true Extract)

J. A. Lee

Acting Secretary.

To

R. I. Sullivan Esq.

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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From Board of Revenue

dated 29 April 1787.

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No. 1384 Revenue Depart

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2d May 1857

Read the following

No. 1121

From,

J. D. Sim Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To,

H. Forbes Esqr.

Acting Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

Sir.

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of Government the Plaints and proposed answers in 2 Suits instituted in the Subordinate Court of Madura against the Acting Sub Collector and others.

O.S. No. 30 of 1856.

2. This suit has been brought to establish the Plaintiffs' right to 7 Goolies of land assessed at 7 Rupees and a well valued at 130 Rupees, and to recover the value of the produce lost amounting to 70 Rupees.

O.S. No. 27 of 1856.

3. This suit was also instituted to

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obtain restoration of certain land, measuring 15 $\frac{14}{16}$ Goolies, and assessed at Rupees 13-2-6; together with a well situated thereon, valued at Rupees 18 - -

4. In both cases the land had been waste and unpaid for, for very long periods, far exceeding the time during which ownership can subsist according to the Hookoomnameh of the District. The claims of the Plaintiffs therefore on the ground of ancestral right, must, the Board think, be peremptorily denied.

5. In the case of Suit No. 30 moreover the party in possession was the 4th Defendant who had cultivated when the Plaintiffs took violent possession and reploughed the land. The interference of the Officers of Government under such circumstances was necessary for the conservation of the peace, and their inclusion as Defendants is litigious and vexatious.

6. In the case of Suit No. 37, the land, which is Poonjah, had been waste 20 years and being applied for by the 3rd Defendant for Cultivation,

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was given to him by the Revenue Authorities Plaintiff's false complaint that she had been forcibly dispossessed was thrown out by the Head of Police, whose decision was confirmed by the Joint Magistrate.

7. The Claims put forth by the Plaintiffs in both cases are founded on this assumption, that a family retains its right to land once held by a Member of it however long it may have ceased to pay the Government tax thereon. This claim the Board believe to be as devoid of foundation as it is inconsistent with the general public interests, and being apprehensive that unless the contrary principle is asserted more strongly and clearly than is the case in the drafts of answers forwarded by the Acting Collector, the Civil Courts may be led into

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error as to the rights which Govern-
-ment claim to hold in regard to
waste land. they have prepared
fresh drafts which are submitted
for the Consideration of Government.

8. It will be seen that
" the parties in possession
are resident Villagers. The
orders of the Honorable Court
of Directors therefore have
not been contravened in res-
-pect to these lands.

Revd. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
9th April, 1852

I have &c.
(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

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Answer of 3d Defendant in O.S. No 30.

On the file of the Sub: Court of Madura.

The Claim of the Plaintiff is groundless and the Statements made in his Plaint contrary to fact.

2. The land in dispute never belonged to his Father. If it had been held by him, the circumstance would have afforded Plaintiff no claim to it at the present time; for he admits that his father left the Village in Fusly 1243 / A.D. 1833/34 and that the land lay waste from that time till the cause of action arose - a period of more than 20 years. He does not state that he or his father have been paying the teerwa thereon during the interval, and they have not done so. All right or title that they may have ever had

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in the land therefore has ceased a long time ago.

3. In truth, the land was waste from a period anterior to the Fysul till Fusly 1244 when 1st Defendant's husband cultivated a portion of it. He also cultivated a portion and received a Puttah for it in Fusly 1255. In Fusly 1262 the land was first cultivated by the 1st Defendant and the Plaintiff acted illegally in endeavouring to oust her. The Rajee-namah alluded to was given by 1st Defendant's Vakeel without her consent and was of no avail. The District authorities acted properly, and judicially in keeping the 1st Defendant in possession.

4. The Plaintiff has shewn no good cause for suing the 3d and 4th Defendants; but in so doing has acted litigiously and vexatiously. and the 3d Defendant prays therefore that he may be fined by the Court.

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary.

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Proposed Answer to Plaint in O.S. No. 37 of 1856 on the file of the Sub Court of Madura.

The Statements contained in this Plaint are contrary to fact, and the claim is groundless.

2. The land sued for was entered in Plaintiff's Grandfather's name; but having been left waste, and no teerwa paid for it for twenty years previous to 1855, all right and title which that family may have possessed in regard to it had ceased long before that time. In 1855 it was given to the 3rd Defendant on his application for cultivation.

3. There is no Well in the land which is Poonjah and is so entered in the Fyeul Accounts.

4. Plaintiff's brothers did not cultivate the land in Fusly 1264. His complaint to the Head of Police that the 3rd Defendant had destroyed Crops he had planted thereon was thrown out as false by the Tahsildar, whose decision was confirmed by the Joint Magistrate. Moreover as the land had been previously given to the 3rd Defendant by the Revenue authorities

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his cultivation thereof, if it had taken place, would have been illegal and given him no title.

5 Under these circumstances this Suit as against the 1st Defendant, whose proceeding in keeping the 3rd Defendant in possession was a judicial Act is litigious and vexatious, and the 1st Defendant prays that the Court will fine the Plaintiff in consequence.

Sig'd J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary

Extract

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Recd 7 May 1857

Copy sent to the Ag Sub Collector with letter on the 16 May 1857

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 404.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 1st May 1857.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's remarks, for the consideration of Government, the plaints and proposed answers in two suits instituted in the Subordinate Court of Madura against the Acting Sub-Collector and others. (Here enter 9th April 1857, No. 1121.)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the draft answers proposed by the Board of Revenue to be filed in original suits Nos. 30 and 37 of 1856 instituted in the Subordinate Court of Madura against the Acting Sub-Collector of the District, and grants authority for their defence, in the first instance, at the public expense; but will determine when a copy of the decree is submitted whether the costs, if any be adjudged against that officer, shall be borne by him or by the Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to the Ag Collector with Copy of the Board's Proceedings.

(A true Extract & Copy)

Ag Secretary

To, R. J. Sullivan Esq, Ag Collector of Madura.

From Board of Revenue

Dated 2d May 1847

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No 1385

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1857.

Read List of letters received from the Board of Revenue and remaining unanswered up to 31st March 1857. dated 20th April 1857 of the District of Madura.

(Here enter No 907)

The Board observe with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 22d December 1856 No 2387 that the duty of defining the limits of the ports of the district is to be effected by the Collector in communication with the Marine and not the Revenue Board. The Circular of 17th February 1857, should therefore have been omitted from the above List.

(A true Extract)

J. D. Sim

Ag Secretary.

To,
R. J. Sullivan Esq
Ag Collector of Madura.

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of 1857
From Board of Revenue
dated 4 May 1857

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No. 1572

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 14th May 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 2d May 1857.

(Here Enter No. 90.)

The Acting Collector is informed that he should proceed under Section XXXIV of Regulation XXVIII of 1802.

2. The Acting Collector will perceive from its preamble that Regulation V of 1822 does not apply in cases where Government Officers are parties.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Acting Secretary

To R. J. Sullivan Esqr.
Acting Collector of
Madura.

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 14 May 1857.

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No. 1595

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th May 1857

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 28th April 1857.

(Hereafter No. 84.)

The Board observe that the application contained in the foregoing letter should not have been submitted to them in a manner which entirely precludes their forwarding it to Government in its present
1 state. the usual amount of the allowance
2 and the principle on which it is regulated are not stated, and no reference is given to
3 any correspondence which will explain the size of the Nellecottah Estate and under what circumstances it is under
4 the Government Management. these deficiencies should be supplied.

2 Unless the Board are mistaken, the terms in which the application are made would mislead Government. The Collector reports the death of a certain Individual as Zemindar of Nellacottah and recommends

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his son as his successor, and it is mentioned in the Sub Collector's letter that the Zemindary is under Government Management. The inference from this language would be that the deceased was really the Proprietor of an Estate under temporary management; whereas the Board have reason to believe that the Zemindary has been entirely resumed and incorporated in the Government lands, and the deceased was a mere titular Zemindar, in receipt of a Malikanah proportioned to the income of the Estate.

(A True Extract)

G. A. Sm[illegible]

Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esqr.

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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Copy sent to the Acty. Sub Collector 26 May 1857.

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No. 1621

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th May 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 20th March 1857.

(Here enter No. 57)

It appears from the foregoing letter and its Enclosures that the Valoor Mootahdar wishes to reconstruct a ruined Tank in the Village of Dasherepullay in his estate, and that some of the Villagers object, because they apprehend that their Village will be flooded, and are unwilling to give up the Punnay lands in their occupation which will be overspread by the Tank.

2. The District Engineer has given an opinion that the Village will not be injured - but a question is involved of possession of the lands which will form the waterspread, and this the Board have no power to decide - They therefore refrain from passing any orders on the dispute and resolve to pass the following Endorse

Ordered

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos. 343 - 759 - 1150 - 1345 and 989 of 1857.

"Having received a report from the Acting Collector of Madura on the subject of these Petitions the Board see no grounds for their interference - It appears that some of the occupants of the Punnay lands have consented to the Mootahdar reconstructing a Tank in them and some do not - If the Mootahdar attempts by force to dispossess those who refuse, they have their remedy by complaint to the Magistrate - or the Collector under Regulation V of 1822 - or by Suit in the Civil Court. The Board of Revenue have no juris-diction."

(A True Extract)

J. A. Sm[illegible]

Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esqr.

Acting Collector of

Madura

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Revenue Department

No. 1687.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 18th May 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 30th April 1857.

(Here enter No. 87)

On reference to the Collector's Report dated the 14th April 1849, Para 19 & Statet. C, the Board observe that Callevaul-putty was held by the Small Pagoda of Pleylasanadar at Cowilputty on Survamaniem tenure and that it has been proposed to restore it in substitution for the Tasdeek with a Quit Rent. Under these circumstances the Board are of opinion that the Enam allotted in 1834 to the Curnum attached to the Pagoda should not be withdrawn from him, particularly as it is admitted that his duties were always transacted by a Sharer in the Village Curnum Enam from which the assignment in question was made.

(A True Extract)

J. A. Sim

Acting Secretary.

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Acting Collector of Madura

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From Board of Revenue

dated 10th May 1783

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No. 1698 R

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th. May 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 4th. March 1857.

(Here enter No. 46)

Although the number of Travellers who have used the Public Bungalow at Paumbum in the past year is not considerable, yet as it includes persons on their way to and from Ceylon, and there is an entire want of other accommodation in the Island, the Board concur with the Acting Collector in opinion that it should be maintained.

2. The Estimate for its repair not having passed through the Engineer Department will be referred to the Chief Engineer for such examination as he deems necessary.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Proceeding be furnished to the Acting Collector of Madura.

Ordered

Ordered that a copy be also transmitted with the Collector's letter and Enclosures to the Chief Engineer with a request that the Estimate for the repair of the Bungalow may be examined by his Department.

(A true Extract)

J A Lem[illegible]

Acting Secretary

To

A. I. Sullivan Esqr

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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Copy sent to Ag Sub Collr with Letter of the 4 June 1857

Revenue Department.

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No. 1806

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30 May 1857

Read Petitions Nos 1406 and 1802 of 1857 from G. S. Fischer Esqr dated 12 and 18 May 1857.

(Here Enter No)

Resolved that the foregoing Petitions be sent to the Acting Collector for early report. If the land in question has not already been given over for Cultivation, it is desirable that it should remain as at present till orders are passed in the case, as the Board are not aware that the rights of the Oopillars in regard to the land from which they obtain Saltpetre has ever been determined. The extent should be carefully mentioned.

(A true Extract)

To
R. J. Sullivan Esqr
Collector of Madura.

[signature]
Ag Secretary

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 30th May 1767.

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No. 1877.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd June, 1857.

Read letter from the acting Collector of Madura dated 4th March 1857.

(Here Enter No. 53)

As the land originally taken for an English School and which is still used for the convenience of the English Public was free of tax and that granted from the Ditch land in lieu when the Petitioner's right thereto was declared by a Decree of Court, is now occupied by a Substantial Mosque; the Board are of opinion that the tax may be remitted as a special case.

(A true Extract)

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Ag. Secretary

To,

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Ag. Collector of Madura.

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From Board of Reven[ue]

Dated 8 June 1753.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th June 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 18th April 1857.

(Here Enter No. 76)

With the foregoing letter the Acting Collector submits the usual yearly accounts of receipts and expenditure on account of the Town of Madura for 1856 with other Statements to shew the progress of improvement.

2 The total Receipts were 5995 " 11 of which Rupees 2067. 9-6 were derived from the sale of building ground, and Rupees 3611- 4- 5. from the Rent of Markets.

3 The aggregate expenses were 5642- 6- 2 which sum comprized the wages of the Market Establishments and Maistries &ca employed in the Town, the hire of Scavenger's Carts and an Item of Rs. 2256- a. 9- p. 7. for gravelling Streets.

4 The Streets are represented to be all gravelled and in good repair but the

Drains

Drains are stated in this, as in former Reports to be defective in point of level, from which circumstance their contents stagnate. Mr Sullivan attributes the severity of the Cholera in the Town in the present year, in a great measure to the want of sufficient rain which caused an accumulation of refuse, and he mentions that the execution of a work commonly termed the "Water Project" which was devised for the purpose of bringing in water from the Vigay River to flush the Drains has been stopped. In regard to his recommendation that a careful revision of the levels of the Drains should be made from the Funds in hands, the Board observe, that he will find from his Records that as Magistrate he is vested with full authority to apply the Town funds to this purpose if he deems it advisable, provided that his plans are approved by the District Engineer. In fact it is seen that both in the year under Report and in the former years there are charges on this account.

5 The Report now before the Board supplies information with reference

to remarks made in the Board's Proceedings of the 25th August last on a proposition made by the Collector, Mr Parker, "that the "inhabitants of the Town of Madura, who "pay a Land Tax for their House Ground "should be allowed to redeem the same at "the number of years purchase which may "be considered suitable". In a Marginal Note it was explained that these chiefly belonged to the old Ditch, and as the Gentleman who made the suggestion is now an Active Member of the Board, it is known to them that the other sites of Houses paying tax are such as originally formed part of cultivated fields. -

From Collr. of Madura 8th March 1856 Para 3.

6. The Ditch lands as they are commonly called, comprizing the area of the old Fort Ditch Glacis and Ramparts were appropriated to building purposes under the sanction of Government dated the 25th April 1842 G.P.W. They were to be sold by auction (the proceeds of which have been applied to the improvement of the Town) and moreover saddled with a Quit Rent equal to the average of the teerwa of high

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taxed Nunjah land. This Teerwa was fixed eventually at 9 Rupees the Cawny. The pretext for this yearly tax on land sold by Government, was the circumstance of the area of the Ditch having been partially cultivated with Nunjah, and yielded Government a yearly revenue of 150 Rupees

From Coll^r. of Mad... dated 4th March 18... Q.R.O. ...
From d^o. 3^d March 1...

7. In a letter dated the 3^d March 1854 the Collector made a suggestion, that the yearly tax on the Ditch land taken for building purposes should be remitted or redeemed on the ground not only of the high price paid for it, but because the great number and small amount of the Puttahs rendered the trouble of collection quite out of proportion to the amount and caused a large Balance to be always outstanding in the accounts. It was shown that the number of Puttahs was 1230 while the Amount of Assessment was only 533-10-6.

8. The Board in reply expressed their opinion that the land was justly charged with a land tax which it was inexpedient to give up; and as regards the proposition to allow its redemption, stated

Bo. to Collector 24th April 1854

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that they were not prepared to entertain it at that time, as a similar suggestion for the Madras Collectorate had been recently abandoned partly on account of the poverty of the parties and the nature of the tax and partly because it would not be much relief to the business of the office – At the same time, it was stated, that if there was a desire among the people to redeem the tax on the site of Houses the Collector should again bring the subject under consideration.

Collr of Madras 8th Augt 1856

19. In forwarding the Town accounts for Fusly 1265 the Collector repeated his recommendation urging, in addition to the reason previously given, that with the view of promoting the growth of Towns as essential to the prosperity of the Country, it is desirable to free the people as much as possible from all troublesome interference, and that the inclusion of a larger number of Petty Puttahs for House Rent in the Government Rent Roll was calculated to lead to wrong statistical references He argued that the redemption of the Tax on arable land conquered from

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the Country by the Towns owing to the increase of the population and that of the land tax in general stood on a different footing - the amount of the former being too small to be liable to the objections which exist to an anticipation of the yearly Revenue; of the State - and he pointed out that the course he suggested was recommended not only as removing trouble and annoyance but also as assimilating the new houses to the old built on the Grama Nuttum which is exempted from tax by immemorial usage. -

10. The Board on this occasion were favorable to the proposal but required more information. They wished to know whether in Madura Town there is any distinction between a cultivating and non-cultivating Inhabitant in regard to taxation for his house ground; also on what principles and at what rates ground is taxed within the Town of Madura - Whether accurate Maps exist as well as Registers to show the different holdings, and the terms on which the Inhabitants are willing to redeem their

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11. These questions are partially answered in the present report, and any deficiency in the information therein contained is supplied by the Board's Records, and from other sources within their reach.—

12. There is no distinction between cultivating and non-cultivating Ryots in Madura Town as regards payment for House-Ground. All the land occupied by the old Town is exempt from tax. That which is subject to it is the site of the old Ditch Glacis and Ramparts and land newly taken for building purposes from the surrounding fields. The former as already stated are charged at the rate of 9 Rupees the Cawny. The latter at any rate of Nunjah, Garden or Punjah Assessment which they have hitherto paid. There are no Maps shewing the holdings, but for the Ditch land there are accurate Registers and Grants, and the sites taken from the arable land are of course included in Puttahs. The holdings of the Rent free lands of the old Town are no where separately shewn

shewn, but this is of no consequence as regards the particular purpose in view.

13. There would appear therefore to be no difficulty in carrying out the arrangement if sanctioned by Government.

14. Mr Sullivan forwards a Mahazurnamah presented by several residents offering to pay 8 years purchase in redemption of the Tax and he inserts a calculation in the margin of his letter to shew that Government will gain 35 Rs annually by accepting the offer. He alludes to the Dutch lands only. To the soundness of this calculation the Board cannot subscribe. To the redemption price offered for the land the Acting Collector first adds the whole amount of Tax since received, then charges Interest thereon at 12 per cent per annum, and afterwards comparing the amount of Quit Rent now received with the amount of Interest, shews that the latter exceeds the former by the sum above mentioned. Obviously however for the purpose of ascertaining whether Government will or will not benefit by the redemption in a pecuniary

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point of view part payment of tax should not be added to the price offered - and when Government can borrow money at 5 per cent, the interest on the redemption amount cannot be fairly reckoned at 12 per cent - In point of fact Government will not gain in a pecuniary point of view, unless the Tax is redeemed at more than 20 years purchase of the net receipts which at the market rate of 5 per Cent would yield a yearly income equal to the amount of the present Tax -

15. The Inhabitant however who can lend out his money at 12 per cent evidently cannot afford to pay so high a rate of redemption as 20 years purchase. It is probably this Bazaar rate of Interest which Mr Sullivan had in view in his calculation -

16. If the arrangement therefore be considered desirable on other grounds the Government must be contented to make some pecuniary sacrifice - and sufficient arguments have been adduced to lead the Board to recommend the Government to sanction the redemption of the Ditch land on moderate terms -

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17. While the Income derived from these was formerly only 150 Rupees a year, the large sum of Rs 17107 is shewn by Para 4 of the Collector's letter of the 3d March 1854 to have already been paid, or about to be paid as price and the Board attach considerable value to the argument that Collection of the sum of Rs 500 per annum and add or more than 1200 Puttahs occasions a disproportionate amount of trouble, and injures the value of the statistical accounts. It is true that in the Town of Madras house grounds pay Quit Rent, but there is a special Establishment for the Collection, and as the nature of the Revenue of the Madras Collectorate is well known the small holdings appearing in its accounts lead to no wrong Estimate of the effect of the Ryotwarree system. In Madura on the other hand the accounts and Puttahs for these twelve hundred and odd holdings have to be prepared, and the Collections made by the ordinary Village Establishment on which, and frequently on that of the Tahsildar, on account of the Balances which the Weavers allow to lie over it forms a heavy burden.

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18. The question remains what is to be considered a fair redemption price — If the Government are willing to sacrifice something to avoid certain inconveniences experienced by them under the present system; so also the Inhabitant may be reasonably expected to consent to pay for exemption from the trouble and interference to which he is now subject. The Board consider that 12 years purchase would be a fairer price to both parties than eight and resolve to solicit authority for the Collector to compound with the holders of Ootch land if willing to pay at this rate —

Proclamat[illegible] be made in the Town [illegible]

19. The Reasons assigned for this change, except that of the large price already paid, apply in a great degree to the ordinary cultivated Ayacut taken up for building and the Board see much force in another argument made use of in support of the proposition Viz: that it will remove an impediment to the growth of Towns, and that these react on the prosperity of the Country. When a field adjacent to a Town is required

required for a new street, the natural process under the proposed arrangement would be for the owner, to redeem the land tax and then to parcel the land out in sites to parties, who after paying the price would have no further trouble. Now, after purchase they either have to procure a recognition of the transfer and a Puttah from the Government Officers at the commencement with a call for the Tax every year, or if the Puttah for the whole field remains with the former owner, they run the risk of being defrauded.

20. The question however is one of considerable magnitude, as the arrangement if sanctioned should not be confined to Madura but applied to the Districts of the Presidency in general. The Board therefore will content themselves on the present occasion with the recommendation already made in regard to the building grounds obtained from the old Ditch Glacis and Ramparts of Madura, as a special case, and should Government view with favor

an extension of the principle to assessed land in general when taken into Towns or Villages as sites of Houses, they will take the subject into further consideration, after consulting some of the most experienced Collectors.

21. One contingent objection occurs to the Board to the redemption of the Ground Rent even of the sites belonging to the Madura Ditch lands. It may possibly be determined hereafter to introduce such Ground Rents generally and to appropriate them to municipal purposes. In such case the sale of the tax at the present time might present an obstacle to its reimposition hereafter, and if any such measure as that alluded to is in prospect, the Board would wish to be understood to withdraw the recommendation submitted in a preceding Para- If transferred to a Town Fund, many of the objections to which the tax is now subject would be removed- The Puttahs would not be included in the general Revenue Rent Roll and the labour of Collection would

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fall upon a distinct Establishment
organized for this and similar purposes.

22. In the Report for 1855 allusion
was made to the nuisance arising from
houses being left unfinished and building
sites unoccupied owing to the poverty or
absence of the owners, and a wish expressed
that the Magistrate had power to
put up such to auction, and to retain
the sale proceeds in deposit on failure
of the owner to occupy or complete
as the case might be within a moderate
period after due notice.

23. The Board expressed an opinion
that the nuisance might be removed
by enforcing Act XXI of 1841. and
suggested that if such grounds bear
an assessment which is not paid they
might be sold for the arrears, and that
an assessment might be imposed on
others, which could be either made
over to claimants or disposed of to the
best advantage.

24. Adverting to these remarks
Mr. Sullivan states that the waste
land in question does not pay an
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assessment unless cultivated, and that as the plots have been purchased at fair prices he does not consider that a Quit Rent would be just, but that the nuisance may be removed by the application of Act XXI of 1841.

25. It has been already explained that it is only the sites in the addition to the area of the Town obtained from the Ditch and surrounding fields that are subject to Quit rent or Tax - whereas the vacant spaces and half built houses occur in the old Town as much as in the new portion. In the former to impose a Quit Rent would be opposed to the prevailing tenure of the ground in this and other Provincial Towns. Where sites not belonging to Government in parts subject to assessment are left unoccupied by the owner, payment should be invariably enforced, and if necessary by sale of property under the act recently passed. This proceeding however

may fail to bring about the en=
=closure of the ground so as to prevent
its being the Cause of a Nuisance, and
the Question will then remain in regard
to such land, and also sites in the
old Town which are not subject to
Tax, as well as half finished houses
whether Act XXI of 1841 is applicable.
That Enactment enables Magistrates
to remove unlawful obstructions and
nuisances and the word remove as well
as the terms of Section II of the Act
would indicate that empty spaces
were not within its purview. The only
mode of suppressing a nuisance
arising from such places would be
to sell them to persons willing to enclose
and to try the question it may be
worth while for the Magistrate
to do so in one or two instances and
to defend any suit which may
be brought against him in
consequence out of the Town
Funds. An unfinished building
if in danger of falling can of
course be removed under the act
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quoted above.

26. At the conclusion of his Report Mr Sullivan informs the Board that he has endeavoured to introduce a System of Municipal Management on a small scale. Voluntary collections have been made to the extent of 32 Rupees and odd which it appears to be intended to apply to watching and lighting the Town. In regard to the Town of Salem the Government have expressed themselves favorable to such efforts but suggested that the Collector should endeavour to induce the Inhabitants to consent to apply for the introduction of Act XXVI of 1850 Mr Sullivan should keep the same object in view.

(A true Extract)

J. A. Lien
Acting Secretary

To
R. J. Sullivan Esqr
Acting Collector of
Madura.

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 5th June 1857

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th June, 1857.

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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No. 496.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th May 1857.

Read the following.

To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council Fort St. George, &c. &c. &c., dated 7th April 1857.

The humble appeal Petition of Areyamoottoo Pillay, son of Sinna Mootto Carooppalr Pillay the village Curnum of Nuttum Caroongaoody of the Maloor Talook in Zillah Madura.

SHEWETH,

1. That I most respectfully beg leave to suggest for your Lordship in Council's information that I presented to the Collector a Petition, stating that one Ammayen Moottoopalany Chetty of the said village had illegally obtained possession of 2 Nunjah lands assigned for my Curnum Meerassee Maunelum right as if he had purchased the same property. Whereupon, I on the 25th October 1855, presented to the Board of Revenue a Petition of appeal accompanied by the Collector's order on the said Petition and by the Documents to the objecting to the order so given. The Board on a perusal of the appeal Petition, referred it to the Collector requiring to inform them on enquiry whether the land when settled upon was left as barren or arable land, or whether the holder of Maniem land enjoyed it including Coodevolavool, and or only Malevaurum share. During the investigation of the case, Sawmynada Pillay one of the Curnums in the said village gave a declaration that he himself continues to enjoy the Maunelum land granted to him in Canamoy pooranoo where the disputed land is situate. But the Collector furnished an unjust report upon the Board of Revenue without apprizing them of the particulars contained in the Deposition, and considering the Petition addressed by me to that officer on the 20th August 1856, requesting for examining some of the Curnums in the said village as also Mungapangum Chetty who is said to have sold the above mentioned land as to the fact of Gramah Maunyandar enjoying the whole Manelum land in the Nattum Coodeyolavoo land.

2. In my 2d Petition to the Board of Revenue dated 24th September 1856, I stated that with the consent of my ancestors, the said Mungapaugum Chetty used to cultivate the above 2 lands, that the same were by force taken possession of by the said Moottoopalany Chetty, that the land was formerly called as Manelum one and granted; that the successors of Meerassidars who were removed from their Meerassy right when lands were settled upon, use to hold Mauneyem lands with Coodeyolavoo land; that in an annual Jummabundy account the Manyem land to which I possess Meerassy right is deducted and not Teervah; that as the profits and losses arising from the land rest upon me, it must be put in my possession; that Mungapaugum Chetty has nothing to do with it; and that the said Curnum Meerassy land inclusive of Coodevaurum land be made over to me. But the Board of Revenue without attentively considering the above reasons and the purports contained in my previous appeal Petition, made endorsement on the 7th October 1856, admitting the correctness of the Collector's decision. This Endorsement I on the 5th December obtained on a receipt.

3. I was for 3 months since that time troubled with rheumatism and am now a little recovered from it. Consequently I am induced to present to your Lordship in Council this Petition with the above endorsement, appeal Petition, &c., complaining that the Zemindar is entitled to the whole of the Nattum village and to Paravarum right. These, the ryots do not possess, in fusly 1212 when this country was assumed by the Honorable Company, Voolyah Maniem lands were proposed from the said lands. The lands which were called Nattamy ones at the end of fusly 1215 when settlement was fixed upon lands were given up as Canukkoo Manelum tenure. Nothing of the kind was examined by the Collector.

4. When the case of Ravoottapaliem attached to Mandukcoolum in the said Zillah was examined as regards Curnum Meerassy Mauneyem rights, the Collector on the 14th December 1853, passed a decision No. 1807, declaring that Maunelum land must remain only in the possession of the Curnum. Against this decision a party preferred a suit before the Moonsiff wherein a Decree was passed, observing that the only Curnum is entitled to the Manelum land including Coodevoolavoo land under Section II. Regulation VII. of 1831. Also the Zillah Court on the 3d October 1854 passed a Diary order on a Petition No. 311 of 1855

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confirming the said decree. Moreover, the Collector on the 23d May 1855, passed a decision that the succeeding Meerasseedar alone is entitled to enjoy the Nauttemmy Maunelum land situate in the villages of Voolukeaday and Manuputchary attached to the Nuttum aforesaid with Coodevoolavoo land. All these circumstances were mentioned in petitions forwarded by me to the Board of Revenue, but they did not take the same into consideration. This I attribute to my misfortune.

5. Of the incomes derivable from the Manyem lands granted for the discharge of the Cirkar Curnum duties, wages are paid to Goomastahs. By this income I and others are also supported and do the Curnum business. It is incumbent upon the ruling authority to prevent the land being illegally taken possession of by others. As stated in the above para., the Collector passed orders regarding Manyem land situated at another village. This order was confirmed by the Court of law. This being the case, the Collector declared Pauyekear or alien ryot who entered into an agreement for cultivation entitled to the Manyem and Coodevoolavoo lands of mine. If the alien ryot were to leave the land in barren state or the crops in dryness, I could not get incomes, nor could Curnum business conducted in consequence.

6. I therefore humbly solicit your Lordship in Council after taking into his consideration the above circumstances together with the Petition and other documents presented to the Board of Revenue, will be pleased to cancel the purchase right which my opponent party possesses contrary to Regulation VI. of 1831 and to the Circular order No. 122, and to pass a resolution that I may be replaced in possession of the above Manyem land inclusive of Coodevoolavoo land, according to the usages mentioned in the above paras.

The Government observe that this case has been disposed of by the Collector on the simple report of a Tahsildar. The Petitioner claims hereditary landed property, and is entitled to a regular decree under Regulation VI. of 1831. Ordered therefore that the case be remanded to the Collector, through the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 18th of March last, No. 267.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Copy forwarded to the Acting Collector with a view to his carrying out the orders of Government.

2. The previous Minutes of Consultation dated 18th March 1857 were communicated to the Acting Collector from this Office under date 23d idem.

(A true Extract & Copy)

J. A. Sim

Acting Secretary

To R. J. Sullivan Esq

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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No. 2024

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th June, 1857.

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 540.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 3d June 1857.

Statement shewing the state of the season in certain Districts for the month of April, submitted by the Board of Revenue 19th May 1857, *No.* 1649.

1. The Government are of opinion that the season Reports submitted by Collectors to the Board of Revenue would be rendered more valuable, if they contained information of the exact quantity of rain that had fallen at a given number of places in each District.

2. These places should be selected as possessing the characteristics of certain well defined portions of the District, one for instance being on the coast, one on the plains, one on high table land, one on hills, and one on mountains; these distinctions being of course modified according to the position and circumstances of each District.

3. The Board of Revenue will be requested to obtain this additional information from the Districts in future, informing the several Collectors that the Government wish that their arrangements should be so made as not to delay the transmission of their season Reports.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to all Collectors and the Officiating Agent at Kurnool, who will take care that these reports are not delayed in consequence, and that the information given is accurate.

(A true Extract & Copy)

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Acting Secretary.

To, R. I. Sullivan Esq.

Acting Collector of Madras.

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 12 June 1857

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No. 2234

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1857.

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 597.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th June 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's observations thereon, a letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, reporting, with reference to Ex. Min. Con. of 21st April 1856, on certain points in connection with the reduction of the assessment on the Garden lands of his District.	(Here enter 6th May 1857, No. 1435.)

In passing orders concerning the reduction of the assessment on the garden lands of the Madura District on 21st April 1856, Government called for further information on certain points. This is partly supplied in the Proceedings above recorded, in which a letter from the Collector of Madura dated 3rd April 1857, is enclosed.

2. The first point on which information was required was connected with the assessment on garden land left waste in consequence of the well on which it was dependent, having been allowed to go out of repair; the Board had proposed that a cowle should be given to the ryots willing to repair their wells, and the Government requested that a scale of the cowle proposed should be fixed, and submitted for approval.

When wells had wholly gone to ruin, a reduction of tax to the amount of the Poonjah rate was approved; but in the case of repairable wells, Government deemed it sufficient to grant a cowle for a period not exceeding 10 years, stipulating that, in either case, whether of permanent or temporary relief, the European officer in charge of the talook should satisfy himself of the truth of the allegation regarding the state of the wells.

Board, paras. 5-6.
Collector, paras. 2-5.

3 The Acting Sub-Collector suggests two modes of carrying out the principle, one that the garden dependent on a ruined well shall be exempted from the payment of tax altogether, or that Poonjah tax only shall be charged for the garden, until the difference between it and the proper garden tax, calculated at the new rates, has covered the cost of the repairs made to the well; provided always that the limit of the cowle shall not exceed ten years.

4. To carry out the first plan, and at the same time to secure the interests of Government against injury from the holder of the cowle throwing it up before he has repaired the well, the Acting Collector would give the land for three years rent free, and at the end of that period cancel the cowle should the well not have been put in repair; should it on the other hand be in good order, he would leave it to the discretion of the Revenue authorities to levy Poonjah tax, until the sum expended on repairs had been made good, the limit of ten years, from the first grant of the cowle, being always kept in mind, and garden assessment being levied when the term fixed by the Revenue authorites had elapsed.

Board, paras. 6-7
Collector, para. 5.
Board, para. 7.

5. The Acting Collector does not apprehend dishonest failure on the part of the holders of cowles, and is not of opinion that penal measures are requisite to guard against it. The Board do not share Mr. Sullivan's confidence on this point, and are of opinion that, without some greater safeguard than is proposed, there will be a strong inducement, to which many will yield, to take land for the period of exemption, and then to throw it up. The Board remark that the latter part of the Acting Collector's proposition is not very clearly expressed, but they understand him to mean that the land shall be given rent free for three years, and that after that time Poonjah tax only shall be levied for a period not exceeding seven years, until the cost of the well be made up to the ryot.

Para. 8. But the Board do not think a scale of cowles is possible, inasmuch as the cost of repair, and the rate of tax on the land, on which the terms of the cowle will depend, are very variable. They think that Poonjah tax should be levied from the commencement, and continued until the charges incurred by the owner of the well are met; the period to be set forth in the cowle, and when the difference between the Poonjah and garden assessment for the period of ten years, would be insufficient to reimburse the ryot for his outlay on the repairs of his well, the Board think that the land may be granted rent free for such a portion of the time, as would be necessary to make up the difference, provided that the ryot agrees to pay the Poonjah tax which he may be excused, in the event of his omitting to repair his well. Government concur with the Board in their views regarding these cowles, and sanction their being carried into effect.

6. In paragraph 9 of the order to which the Board's present proceedings refer, the Government remarked that according to the Jummabundy Statement of cultivation for Fusly 1263, 354 cawnies of land were classed as garden watered from tanks and channels, while 923 cawnies, watered from similar sources, were entered as wet garden, and in requiring explanation as to what constituted the difference between dry and wet gardens, a statement of the extent of ayacut of garden land, whether wet or dry, watered from tanks and channels, was called for, and a suggestion made that the whole might be transferred to Nunjah, on the supposition that the only reason for its having been classed as garden at the survey, was that it produced garden crops, a principle which is now repudiated as objectionable.

Board, para. 9. 7. It now appears that under sanction granted by the Board of Revenue in May 1854, the head of wet garden has been discontinued in Madura, and that it was not a permanent denomination, but that lands were so called when cultivated with betel, plantains, turmeric, chillies, and brinjals, on account of which they paid a special tax, which, under the principles now enforced, and which do not admit of special taxation for particular crops, was remitted by an order of the Board dated the 4th of May 1854.

8. The Acting Collector has however omitted to explain the difference between dry and wet garden. The Board state that all land watered from wells is called dry garden, as well as Poonjah land cultivated with dry grains and watered from tanks and water courses. The Acting Collector is of opinion that as the latter do not require the same quantity of water as wet lands, the present system should be adhered to. The ayacut on the plains is 210 cawnies, and in fusly 1263, 286 cawnies were cultivated on the Hills, where there is no ayacut.

Collector, para. 6.

9. The Board think that, inasmuch as difference of product is the only particular in which these lands on the Hills are distinct from two crop Nunjah on the plains, they should be classed as such; with a consolidated two crop tax, made light in consideration of their great distance from markets.

10. The Government concur in this opinion, which is in accordance with the now universally recognized principle of its being improper to tax a specific crop. They desire that instructions may be accordingly issued to the Collector.

Board, para. 12. 11. With respect to the garden under tanks and channels, the Board have called for more information, on the receipt of which they will offer an opinion.

12. In para. 10 of the Extract Minutes of Consultation granting the remissions on the garden land, Government enquired under what rule Fusul jasty is levied upon survey garden under wells converted into wet, observing at the same time that to levy Teerwa or Fusul jasty at all was contrary to principles now recognized, unless water was received from a Government source. The information given by the Acting Collector does not enable the Board to reply to this question at present, as he says nothing about the source from whence the water is derived, and does not explain the cause of Teerwa jasty being levied.

Paras. 12-13. 13. The Board state at length their views upon the subject, but Government deem it unnecessary to remark upon the subject until the Acting Collector shall have supplied the information the Board have called for. The Governor in Council observes that on another point also the Board profess themselves unable to comprehend the Collector's exact meaning.

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14. The Government will be obliged if the Board will invariably give in the margin of their proceedings the numbers of the paragraphs of the letters to which they may refer, and they desire further to point out to the Board that if a subject be reported upon piecemeal, as in the present case, it is productive of unnecessary trouble both to themselves and to Government; the proper course would have been to have called upon the Acting Collector to furnish the information required, and then to have reported the subject for orders. The Government are not disposed to discuss a question when the means by which they are to arrive at a just conclusion are avowedly incomplete.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madura with reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of the 5. May last.

2. Mr Sullivan is requested to furnish the further information required as soon as possible.

3. He will also be pleased to carry out the instructions contained in Paras 8 and 10. With reference to Para 9 the Board observe that it is not intended thereby that a fresh assessment shall be proposed for the Garden land on the upper Range of the Pulney Hills, but only that that land shall in future be transferred from the Head of Garden to that of Nunjah. As the Hills are situated in the Dindigul Division in which the Nunjah Tax is every where considered at present as

consolidated

consolidated on 2 Crops, the land in question will be entered in the accounts simply as Nunjah.

(A true Extract & Copy)

J. D. Lee[?]

Actg Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Actg Collector of Madura

From Board of Revenue

dated 30 June 1827

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Revenue Department

No. 2244

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2d. July, 1857.

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 606.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th June 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting papers from the Acting Collector of Malabar relative to a certain lapsed Vada Vurthee or enam for teaching the Vedas; and concurring in opinion with him for its renewal in favor of the eldest son of the late holder. } (Here enter 11th June 1857, No. 1980.)

The Governor in Council observes that this enam consists of $4\frac{1}{6}\frac{5}{4}$ Cawnies altogether and that $\frac{15}{16}$ Cawny only was in the possession of the lately deceased incumbent. It would appear from the 2nd para. of the Board's Proceedings that the whole was given for teaching the Vedas. If this be the case, the Government desire to be informed on what tenure the rest of the enam is held, and how, as a service enam it came to be sub-divided. It appears that four individuals held it in Fusly 1217, and the supposition is that all but the party in whose favour the Board's present recommendation is made, enjoy their shares without obligation of service. The Government desire to be informed on these points previously to passing orders in the case.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to the Acting Collector who will furnish the information required by Government at his early convenience.

(A true Extract & Copy)

[signature]

Acting Secretary.

To,

R. J. Sullivan Esqre.

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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No 273

From Board of Rev[?]

Dated 2d July 1857

Answered 22 July 1857

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Revenue Department

No. 2283

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1857

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 4th June 1857

(Here enter No. 110)

The Collector proposes the grant of 3 goolies of Poonjah land assessed at Rs. a. P. 3-2-11 in lieu of a similar extent of Nunjah Enam land assessed at 17-13-1 situated in the bed of a tank in the village of Vadagharay. The Board will be prepared to recommend the Exchange when it is ascertained what extent of the land is submerged, or otherwise rendered unculturable. The application should then be made

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in the form given in Board's C. O. 14th June 1855. page 72

(A true Extract)

J. A. Lim[illegible]

Acting Secretary

To

R. I. Sullivan Esqre

Acting Collector of

Madura

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Revenue Department

No. 2343

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1857.

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 651.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th June 1857.

Tabular report on a lapsed enam in the District of Madura in the 2d Quarter of 1857, dated 30th April and submitted with the remarks of the Board of Revenue dated 12th June 1857, No. 2013.

The sunnuds granting this allowance exist, and appear authentic. They are dated 103 years ago, and were issued in the name of one Sheik Ibrahim.

The service is reported to be still performed. In Mr. Hurdis' (the first Collector of Madura and Dindigul) accounts of enams the yeomiah is entered in the names of two individuals, Sheik Ibrahim, the original grantee, and Nyna Mohamed, his son; and in 1834, on the death of the former, a share of the enam was continued in the name of his grandson Mohamed Easuff. This individual still enjoys half the allowance.

2. The last holder is the party who was associated with the original grantee in Mr. Hurdis' accounts, and the Collector and Board of Revenue now recommend that his share of the allowance be continued to his sons.

3. The Government observe that the principle of sub-dividing a service enam as here recommended, is improper, and has already been deprecated by the Board. The entry of two individuals in Mr. Hurdis' accounts was evidently a mistake. The grant will now be continued in its integrity to the grandson of the original grantee to whom half was sanctioned on Mr. Blackburne's recommendation in 1834; leaving him to make what arrangements he pleases for the due performance of the service.

Bd. of Rev. to N. Arcot No. 763 of 12th April 1849, C. O. Bd. of Rev. vol. I. p. 463, note 1.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Communicated to the Acting Collector for his information and guidance.

(A true Extract Copy)

[signature]

Ag Secretary

To,
R. I. Sullivan Esq.
Ag Collector of Madura.

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From Board of Revenue

dated 10 July 1787

Copy sent to Asst. Collector 29 July 1857

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Revenue Department

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No. 2450

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 20th June 1857.

(Here enter No. 120)

Transd. 7th Aug. 1857

Bd. Procdgs. 4th Jul 57

Under the information contained in the foregoing letter the Board resolve that the Sheical land in certain Villages in the Tenkuny Talook, granted for sites of Houses by the Extract of Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th March 1858 No. 285 Revenue Department shall be occupied free of tax by cultivating Ryots, but charged with the regular Teerwa when held by non-cultivating Ryots.

2. The general question whether occupants shall be allowed to redeem the Tax on Sheical land used for building sites, is now before the Government in relation to the Quit Rent levied for the Ditch lands of the Town of Madura.

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With reference to Para: 3 of the Collector's letter, the Board would observe that the intention of Para: 3 of Mr Parker's letter of the 27th March 1856 would seem to have been misconstrued in the Board's Proceedings of the 1st August 1856, sites taken from Sheical lands being expressly mentioned by the Collector, and the Board applying his observation to sites within the Nuttum Area, which as stated by the Acting Collector in the letter now recorded is held free by all classes.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Actg Secretary.

To,

R. I. Sullivan Esq.

Actg Collector of Madura.

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Copy sent to the Ag Sub Collector 29 July 1857

"Ans 27 Oct 57

Revenue Department

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No 2476

Extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 23rd July, 1857.

Read letter from the Ag Collector of Madura dated 24th June 1857.

(Here enter No 177)

With reference to the Report of the Collector of Madura under date the 26th September 1856, and in consideration of the resumptions from the Estate of their deceased husband, and their near relationship to the Minor Zemindar the Court of Wards sanction the Grant from the income of the Ayagoody Estate of a pension of 35 Rupees per mensem to each of the 2 Widows of the late Obalakondama Naik, Uncle of the Zemindar.

2. They will not object moreover to their being allowed in accordance with the recommendation of the Ag Sub Collector, to hold 148-8 Goolies of land out of what the Ag Sub Collector terms the Combay Cowle at a teerwa of 3 Fanams per Gooly to enable them to carry out the wishes of their husband as regards a Pagoda. This teerwa, being a reduced one, will however be subject to revision at the pleasure of the Zemindar when he comes of age.

Para: 5

3 The above allowances are in addition

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to the Punnay and Puttah lands which they were permitted to hold by the Board's Proceedings of the 25th November 1856.

(A true Extract)

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Ag Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq

Ag Collector of Madura.

From Board of Revs

Dated 23 July 57

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Taken ... 3 Aug/57

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Revenue Department.

Nº 2535

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28 July, 1857.

Read the following

Nº 68.

From

Clement Dale Esqr.

Government Pleader Sudr Udalut

To

J. D. Sim Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir, Madras 6 July 1857.

Para 1. I have the honor to report for the information of the Board of Revenue, that my attention has been drawn by the Sudr Court to a Miscellaneous Petition Nº 182 of 1857, filed on behalf of the Zemindar of Yettiaporam in the Zillah of Tinnevelly, against an Order of the Acting Civil Judge of Madura, dated the 28 of January 1857 passed in O. Suit Nº 2 of 1855 on the file of the Civil Court of Madura, which was instituted by the Zemindar of Yettiaporam against the Collector of Madura and the Ranee of Ramnad.

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2 I do not find that either I, or my Predecessor, have been instructed to appear on behalf of the Collector, nor can I learn, whether notice of this Petition No 182 of 1854 has been given to the Acting Collector.

3. My attention was not drawn to the matter till Saturday afternoon, when the papers were in circulation, it was not therefore till the sitting of the Court this morning, that I was enabled to see them, and the case was brought on for argument immediately afterwards; of course without authority from Government I could not appear.

4. The order of the Civil Judge before alluded to, directed that the original Suit No 2 of 1855 should be struck off the file of the Court, as in his opinion the Plaintiff's claim was barred by the Regulation of Limitation (Regulation II of 1802 Sect. 18 Cl. 4). He having permitted 19 years to expire, between the time of possession being taken by the Collector in 1836, and instituting his Suit in 1855.

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5. From the Abstract of the Answer put in by the Collector, (as set out in the Order) I collect that he did not claim the property on behalf of Government; but stated that his Predecessor had sequestered the property in question on the 23rd January 1836, (21 years ago) in consequence of the constant collisions between the 2 contending Parties, (Yetteapoorum and Ramnad) and the bloodshed which constantly ensued, and the Collector states his readiness to give up the property, to such of the Parties as may be declared to be entitled

6. The Sudr Udalut has ordered the suit to be restored to the files of the Civil Court of Madura; I have however thought it right to draw the Board's attention to the case; although it is probable the Government Pleader may not have been instructed advisedly.

I have the honor &ca

(Signed) Clement Dale
Government Pleader

Ordered that the following letter be addressed to the Government Pleader and that a Copy of it and of

of Mr. Dale's communication above
recorded be forwarded to the acting
Collector of Madura for his information.

Here Enter No.

(A true Extract Copy)

J. A. Lun[illegible]
ag. Secretary

To
R. J. Sullivan Esqr.
Ag. Collector of Madura

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
28th July 1857.

No. 2536

From,

J. D. Sim Esqr
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To,

C. Dale Esqr
Government Pleader.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th Instant No. 68 regarding a Mis: Petn. No. 182 of 1857 filed in the Sudr Court on behalf of the Zemindar of Yettiapooram in Tinnevelly against an order of the acting Civil Judge of Madura in a suit between that Zemindar and the Ranee of Ramnad.

No. 2 of 1855 on the file of the Madura Civil Court.

2. The lands litigated in the above suit were sequestered in 1836 in consequence of serious affrays between the rival Proprietors of Ramnad and Yettiapoorum for its possession. The latter Zemindar instituted a suit No. 2 of 1855 for their recovery and with the sanction of Government the Collector pleaded

readiness

readiness to make over the property and its mesne proceeds to whichever the Court might declare entitled thereto — the Government advisedly abstaining from pleading the Statute of Limitation, under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

3 A copy of your letter under reply will be forwarded to the Acting Collector for his information, but the Board do not propose taking any further steps in the matter, as Government in fact waive all direct interest in the issue of the suit.

4. The Board desire me to convey their acknowledgments to you for bringing to their notice the fact of a Petition having been filed against the acting Civil Judge's order, and of the Sudr Udalut having directed the re-admission of the suit on the Civil Court's file.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant,
(Signed) J. D. Sim
ag Secretary

Rev Board Office,
Fort St George,
28 July 1854.

To
C. Dale Esq
Government Pleader.

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(A true Copy)

[signature]

Ag Secretary

To,
R. J. Sullivan Esq
Ag Collector of Madura

Recd 14th Nov 1857. N° 2814 182 221

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25 August 1857 - Read the following.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 701.

***Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th July* 1857.**

Read the following letter from Mr. G. F. FISCHER; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Salem 27th June 1857.

SIR,

Enclosed I beg to submit, for the consideration and decision of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a correspondence which I have had with the Board of Revenue on the subject of what I conceive to be an act of gross oppression on the part of the Sub-Collector of Madura towards me.

Since I complained to the Board my Goomastah reports that the Sub-Collector has added insult to injury, and not only dismissed the Nattamagar who had communicated with me, on the subject of the Saltpetre mounds, but has declared in open Cutcherry, at the time of Jummabundy when giving Puttahs to all the village Nattamagars, Curnums, Thoties, Thundulcaren and others that he would serve them in the same way if they acted like the Nattamagar Pitchoovien and assisted the merchant.

I make this appeal to his Lordship in Council, because I can get the Board to take no notice of my applications to them.

The enclosures will show how I consider myself aggrieved.

The avowed pretence of the Sub-Collector for thus taking away the saltpetre mounds and giving them to the Moneagar, was to benefit the Public revenue; but that this was a false pretence is apparent on the face of it. The saltpetre from those mounds paid much more to Government as duty than the Moneagar will as kist; the real object was to gratify a pique he has against me.

But be it from public zeal or private pique, the Sub-Collector has, I respectfully submit, been guilty of an act of wanton spoliation and oppression, and of abuse of authority to effect it.

If the Sub-Collector can treat an European in this way, how may he not be expected to treat Natives, and I make bold to say that it is acts of this sort that create disaffection to the Government. I have a large stake in the country, I have many lacs of Rupees invested in lands and factories and in trade. I am deeply interested in and desire the stability and prosperity of Government, so I trust his Lordship in Council will grant me the redress and protection I consider myself entitled to against one of the subordinates of Government.

Extract from an Urzee from the Goomastah to Messrs. FISCHER & Co., at Dindigul.

" Palaneandy Monegaron son of Balasamoodrum Moottien is enclosing with hedge all the " saltpetre mounds which he seized and levelled. The Sub-Collector not only personally gave " him orders for doing so, but strictly ordered the Tasildar before going away to have hedge put " and the land made available and given for cultivation. Moreover, he had up the Balasamoo- " drum Nattamagar Pitchoovien, and said to him, because you have been guilty of writing to a " merchant you are hereby dismissed the Company service, and will not again be employed as " long as their flags last, and gave him his Sunned of dismissal and declared publicly in the " Jummabundy Cutchery, at the time of giving Puttahs, so that it might be known to all the " village Nattamagars, Curnums, Thoties, Thundulcarons and others, that they would be served " in the same way if they did likewise and assisted, and the Tasildar taking advantage of this is " doing all the mischief he can to our business."

(Signed) G. F. FISCHER.

Ordered that the above letter be referred to the Board of Revenue for early consideration. It would appear that Mr. Fischer has already addressed the Board but failed to obtain a reply.

2. Government will be glad to be informed of the result of the present reference.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura for early report with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 30th May 1857.

(A true Extract & Copy)

J. D. Sim
Actg Secretary.

To
R. J. Sullivan Esq.
Actg Collector of Madura.

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From Board of Revenue
Dated 25th Augt 1857.

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No. 2939

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th September 1857

Read: letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 22nd August 1857.

(Here Enter No. 189)

The Board authorize the Acting Collector to charge assessment hereafter on the lands referred to. No alteration will be made in the occupancy if the holders consent to pay the Teerva.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Ag. Secretary

To,
R. J. Sullivan Esqr.
Ag. Collector of
Madura

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th September 1857

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 884.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 3d September 1857.

Read Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th June and recorded in Diary to Consultation 23d June 1857, No. 606.

Read also the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, relative to the Vada Vurthee Enam referred to in his report of the 12th November 1856. (Here enter 13th August 1857, No. 2699.)

Under the explanation now furnished, Government decline to sanction the registry of the Enam reported upon in the name of the son of deceased. On the death of each one of the present holders it will continue registered in the name of the remainder, and on the death of the last survivor a fresh report will be made by the Collector.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government

Communicated to the Acting Collector.

(A true Extract & Copy)

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Acting Secretary

To,

R. J. Sullivan Esqr.

Acg Collector of

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From Board of Revenue —

Dated 12 Septr 92

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No. 3139

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22 September 1857.

Read letter from the acting Collector of Madura dated 18 August 1857

(Here Enter No. 187)

Ordered that a spare printed copy of the order of the Supreme Government dated 30 January 1857 be forwarded to the acting Collector of Madura in compliance with his request.

(A true Extract)

J. [illegible]
Ag Sub Secretary

To,
R. J. Sullivan Esqr.
Ag Collector of Madura.

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Revenue Department.

No. 221.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 3d March 1857.

Read the following *Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department; under date the 21st February* 1857, *No.* 99.

Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 30th January* 1857.

Read an Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Home Department, No. 31, dated the 12th Instant, forwarding, with remarks, for further consideration and orders, a letter from the Government of Bombay, requesting permission to adopt, in that Presidency, the practice in force in the N. W. Provinces and in the Punjab, of commuting pensions and other allowances to a limited extent.

Resolution.—The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes that life pensions not exceeding Rupees 12 and 20 per annum, are purchased by Government, with the consent of the pensioners, in the N. W. Provinces and in the Punjab respectively, by a present consolidated payment, calculated according to the scale shown in the margin.*

* Agra Civil Auditor's Manual for 1853, page 100.—Value of a Life Annuity of 1 Rupee per annum:—

Age.	Value.	Age.	Value.
Under 10	Rs. 13	45 to 50	Rs. 9½
10 to 20	„ 12½	50 to 55	„ 9
20 to 25	„ 12	55 to 60	„ 8
25 to 30	„ 11½	60 to 65	„ 7
30 to 35	„ 11	65 to 70	„ 6
35 to 40	„ 10½	Above. 70	„ 5
40 to 45	„ 10		

It being very desirable to commute these petty annual payments, the Governor General in Council is pleased to rule, with reference to the limitation of purchaseable pensions, that the larger limit of 20 Rupees per annum shall apply to *all* cases of life pensions payable by Government under all the Presidencies and Administrations in India.

Order.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Home Department for communication to the Government of Bombay.

Ordered also, that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Department,* Governments,† and Officers‡ specified in the margin.

* Foreign Department.
† Bengal.
Fort Saint George.
N. W. Provinces.
Eastern Settlements.
‡ Civil Auditor, Fort William.
Sub-Treasurer, ditto.

Ordered further, that the above Resolution be published in the *Calcutta Official Gazette* for general information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Department, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department 10th July 1855, No. 831, and 31st October 1856, Political Department, No. 408, and to the Civil Auditor.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 10th July 1855, No. 831.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. Forbes
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 3371

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8^{th} October 1857.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 23^{rd} July 1857.

(Here Enter No. 158)

The Board gather from the correspondence that the Devastanum has an Endowment altogether of 6 Goolies of Nunjah assessed at 35-10-2 and that only a moiety of this is submerged. This information however, if correct, should be given in the Statement which is now returned for revision accordingly.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Asst. Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Ag. Collector of Madura

From Board of Revenue

Dated 8th October 1857

With 1 Enclosure

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Office Village and Talook	Extent of Enam and whether Nunjah or Poonjah	Value	Causes of its having become unprofitable	
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W Sullivan
Ag Collector

No 1 Enclosure in a letter
From The Actg Collector of Madura
To The Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St George
Dated 23d July 1857
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Statement of lands proposed to be given to Dasustauvums in lieu of their inams which have become unprofitable.

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Inclosure returned with letter 21 Novr 1857

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No. 3481

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15 October 1857.

Read Petition No. 738 of 1857 from Ramasawmy Pillay Village Curnum of Ayacood in Iyempally Talook in Madura.

(Here Enter No.)

The Board observe that a Curnum in a settled District can only be legally dismissed by the sentence of a Court of Judicature. (Sec. V. Reg XXIX of 1802.) If therefore the Petitioner has been dismissed by the Collector, it appears necessary that he should be reinstated, after which he may be proceeded against in the Zillah Court in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed upon the above petition.

"Petitioner is referred to the Collector who will communicate to him the orders of the Board on his case."

(A true Extract)

L. Forbes.
Sub Secretary

To,
R. J. Sullivan Esqr.
Collector of Madura.

No. 412

From Board of Heal

Dated 15 October 1857

with Enclosure

Communicated to

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Revenue Department.

No. 3729.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2d. November 1857.

Read the following.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 17th. June 1857, No. 4.

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Letter dated 20th. August (No. 20) 1856.

(Whole) Transmitting Memorial of Sithanna Naik, claiming the office of Umbalagar or Head men of the Village in Madura with its emoluments.

9. "This claim having been investigated and rejected by the Collector, who under Regulation VI of 1831 is the proper Officer to exercise jurisdiction in such cases, and his decision having been approved and confirmed by the Board of Revenue and by your Government, we must decline to entertain the application."

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No. 864.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 26th. August 1857.

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5. This decision will likewise be communicated to the Memorialist by

by the Board.

(True Extracts)

(Signed) H. Forbes

Ag Secretary to Govt.

Ordered that Extracts from the above papers be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura for communication to the Memorialist.

(A true Extract & Copies)

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Ag Secretary

To,

J. R. Cockerell Esq.

Ag Sub Collector of Madura

in charge.

From Board of Revenue

Dated 2d Sepr 1823

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
4th November 1857.

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From,
J. D. Sim Esqre
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To,
J. R. Cockerell Esqre
Sub Collector in Charge of
Madura.

Sir,

To ag Coll 5 Sept 1857.
From do 14 Sept 1857.

With reference to the Corres-pondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to request that you will ascertain and report as early as possible the exact date of the Sunnud Milkeut Istimrar granted to the Zemindar of Ramnad.

2. A counterpart in the Boards' Office is dated the 13th July 1802, and mentions the date of the Sunnud itself as 22d April 1802 - but in the Decree of the Sudr Udalut relative to this Estate in A. S. No 18 of 1814, the Deed of Permanent Settlement is said to have been granted in 1803, and a similar assertion is made in the Urzee of Mootoovizia Ragoonadha Saithooputty (Annasawmy Taven) enclosed

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in Mr. Peter's letter to the Board of the 6th April 1812 as well as in Enclosure No. 1 of Mr. Sullivan's letter of the 19th September 1831.

Rev. Board Office,
Fort St. George,
7th November 1831.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed. Servant,
[signature]
ag. Secretary

To,
J. R. Cockerell Esqr.
Sub Collector in Charge of
Madura.

Recd 21 Nov. 1857

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dated 24 Nov/57

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Revenue Department.

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No. 3976

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1857.

Read letter from the Ag. Sub Collector in charge of Madura dated 21st October 1857.

(Here enter No. 223)

Adverting to the circumstance of no Sunnud Istimrar having been granted for the Ayagooby Estate the Board resolve to cancel their Proceedings of the 15th Ultimo, directing re-instatement of a Curnum in that Zemindary on the ground that he could only be dismissed by a Civil Court. Mr Cockerell will be pleased to return the Petitions forwarded with the Proceedings for the further consideration of the Board.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Ag. Secretary

To, J. R. Cockerell Esq.
Ag. Sub Collector in charge
Madura.

D. Gyles.

The Board of Mine

Dated 14 Novr 1857

Recd 21 Novr 1857

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1172.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th November 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting with a resumé of past events connected with the Ramnad Zemindary, a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Madura, reporting the institution of a suit by the Ranee in the Civil Court to procure recognition of the validity of an adoption by her of a son to succeed to her estate on her death; and stating the Board's opinion that it would be advisable to consult the Government Pleader on the matter.	(Here enter 13th November 1857, No. 3920.)

Mr. Dale, to whom a copy of the Board's Proceedings has been sent, will, at an early date, advise the Government on this case and prepare a draft answer to the suit if he should recommend that it be defended.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 3996

Communicated to the Acting Collector with Copy of the Board's proceedings.—

will be sent

(True Extract & Copy)

Rev Bd Office
18 Nov 57

[signature]

Acting Secretary

To

A Hathaway Esq.

Acting Collector of

Madura.—

The Bd's Proceedings recd on the 25 Oct/57

From Board of Revl
Dated 18 Novr 1857

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No. 4177

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1857

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1219.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th November 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Madura; and recommending the grant of Nunjah land therein specified for the accommodation of certain huts whose removal is rendered necessary by the repairs to be executed to the tanks on whose banks they at present stand.	(Here enter 13th Nov. 1857, No. 3934.)

The Government sanction the grant of the $7\frac{1}{2}$ Grounds of Nunjah land referred to in the above Proceedings, if available, in lieu of a similar extent occupied by huts which is necessary to remove for the efficient repair of certain tanks in the Ramnad Zemindary.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Communicated to the Acting Collector

(A True Extract & Copies)

J. A. Lau[illegible]

Acting Secretary.

To,

A. Hathaway Esqr.

Acting Collector of Madura

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From Board of Reve

Dated 27 Novr 1857

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No. 4250

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1857.

Read letter from the Ag Sub Collector in charge of Madura dated 28th October 1857.

(Here enter No. 229)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 3023 of 1857.

"The Board learn from a report received from the Collector that the land referred to had lain waste, part for upwards of 20, the remainder for above 5, years. It's being given on Cowle, therefore, to Soobbien and others was unobjectionable."

(A true Extract)

L. Forbes.
Ag Sub Secretary

To, H. Hathway Esq
Ag Collector of Madura.

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 27 Decr. 63

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Revenue Department.

No 4462

Extract from the Board's Proceedings to the Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department, dated 12th Decr 1857.

Read the following replies to the Circular of the Board of Revenue dated 13th October 1855 No 2657, regarding Jungle rents and the Poollay Tax generally.

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From Madura 25th October 1855 }
From Do 31st May 1856 } (Here enter Nos 3102 and 2043)

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63. It will be seen that the Ryots of Nellore enjoy ¼ of their entire holding rent, free as an allowance for pasture: In Coimbatore the allowance is ⅕ on ¼ Teervy. The Coimbatore Rule has been introduced into Madura, but the Board agree with the Collector of Madura in opinion that the

allowance

allowance should be ¼ as in Nellore instead of ⅕. It is not however proposed that the proportion of land thus allowed should be enjoyed free of assessment. The ¼ Teerwa is to be retained as in Coimbatore

64. The Board would desire to see the rule laid down by Government that all land in occupation, whether for cultivation or pasture, should bear a fixed Tarum assessment, carried out. The Districts in which this rule might be brought into operation are Nellore, Madura, Coimbatore and Salem. For the reasons stated in the present review, the Board trust that there will be no difficulty in introducing the rule in Nellore and Madura subject to the retention of ¼ for pasture either free as in Nellore or at ¼ of the fixed assessment as in Madura. The Collectors of Coimbatore and Salem will be requested to reconsider the subject and to report, after communication with

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with the Ryots on the practicability of its adoption or otherwise, and in the former case to state what will be its bearing on the Revenue. The Collectors of the four Districts mentioned will also be required to state distinctly to what parts of their Districts respectively the rule will be applicable.

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(A true Extract)

[signature]

Asst Secretary

To

A. Hatthaway Esq

A Collector of Madura.

No 411

From Mr A. Deffleme

Dated 12th Decr 1857

Recd 17 Decr 1857.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
14th December 1857.

No. 4486

From,
J. D. Uar Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

To, H. Forbes Esqr.
Acting Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to Para 11 of Extract Minutes Consultation 26th August last No. 864 R.D. desiring the Board to call the attention of the Acting Collector of Madura to the point noticed by the Honorable the Court of Directors in Para 22 of their Despatch No. 24 dated 17th June last, Vizt whether it may not be advisable to prohibit altogether the extension of Plantain cultivation on the Lower Ranges of the Palney Hills, for the protection of the Forests; I am directed by the Board to state that

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the subject has been already disposed of in the correspondence noted in the Margin.— To Collr. Madura Dd. [illegible] Feby 1857 [illegible] [illegible] No. 419 – 120.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 14th December 1857 } I have &c. (Signed) J. D. Sim Actg. Secretary

(A true Copy)

J. D. Sim

Acting Secretary

To

A. Hathaway Esqr.

Acting Collector of Madura

No. 1250
From Mr. [illegible]
Dated 14th Decr 1857

Recd 26 Dec/57

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1324.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th December 1857.

Tabular report on a lapsed enam in Madura for the 3d Quarter of 1857, dated 11th August and submitted by the Board of Revenue on the 1st December 1857, No. 4270.

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Extent	229	5	5	
Assessment ...	690	5	0	

This is a service grant, and was undoubtedly resumable when the service ceased to be rendered. The Government fully agree with the Collector and Board that the enjoyment of the grant for two lives has been ample indulgence; and it will be resumed forthwith.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 4616

Communicated to the Acting Collector

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St. George,
22d December 1857.

(A true Extract) [signature]

Acting Secretary

To,
A. Hathaway Esq
Acting Collector of Madura

From Board of Rev.

Dated 22d December 1807

Recd 28 December 1857 Endorsement to Mr Fischer 28 Decr 1857
Ditto Copy to Subcollr with Letter 31 Do
and also copy of this Prodo 339
Answered 16th January 1858
Revenue Department

No. 4628.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 30th November 1857.

(Here enter No. 258.)

In this letter the Acting Collector forwards a Petition from Mr. Fischer, dated 18th July 1857, complaining that the manager of the Ayacoody Zemindary has forbidden the Oopiliars to manufacture Salt petre on the Estate, unless they pay an annual sum. A copy of a letter from the Acting Sub Collector reporting on the Petition is also enclosed and Mr Hathaway requests instructions for his guidance.—

2. The Acting Collector observes that the Sunnad i Istemrar on which the Estate is held does not include any revenue from granting Licenses for the manufacture of Salt petre and he therefore supposes that Section VII Regn. XXX of 1802 precludes the levy of such revenue.

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This is quite true if the salt-petre is made on private land, which is either held in Inam, or for which the ordinary assessment is paid, since the Zemindar has no right to levy Moturpha or any other new and extra cess. But the Board understand that the claim made by the manager is for the land which the Uppilliars make use of, and when land, either Poromboke or Vacant is occupied for agriculture or any other purpose whatever such as making salt, the Zemindar is clearly entitled to collect Teerwah.—

3 The Acting Collector will therefore be guided by this principle. If the Uppilliars do not hold puttahs and pay assessment for the grounds which they wish to use, they must obtain the Zemindar's consent to their occupying it, and pay such assessment as he demands. This assessment is not to exceed the rate sanctioned by local usage, but within that limit the Zemindar may make such terms as he

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chooses with the Ospelian on account of the peculiar purpose for which the land is occupied or any other consideration.

4. Having thus disposed of the general question, the Board wish the Acting Collector to supply at an early date the information called for in their Proceedings of the 12th Oct. last in order that the particular case to which they refer may be decided.

Forwarded on 11th November.

5. The Board observe that in the Acting Sub Collector's letter of 7th September P. 4 application is made for a copy of the allegations which Mr Fischer made to Government against him. Mr Cockerell is entitled to this copy, and the Acting Collector is accordingly instructed to furnish him with it.

enclosed in Acty. Collrs letter of 11th Novr.

(A true Extract)

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Acting Secretary

To,

J. Hathaway Esqr

Acting Collector of

Madura.

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From Sandy Burns

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Endorsement on the Petition of J. Fischer Esqr dated 18 July 1857 – ~~bearing date~~

Read again Pn. presented on the 18th July by the late Actg Colr of Mr Fischer complaining that the Manager of the Ayacoody Zemindary had forbidden the Ooppilians to manufacture saltpetre on the Estate unless they pay an annual rent.

Read also Extract from the Proceedings of the Bd of Revᵘᵉ dated the 22nd inst.

If the Ooppilians do not hold puttahs and pay assessment for the ground which they wish to use, they must obtain the Zemindar's consent to their occupying it and pay such assessment as he demands. This must not exceed the rate sanctioned by local usage, but within that limit the Zemindar may make such terms as he may think fit with the Ooppilians on account of the peculiar purpose for which the land is occupied.

If the saltpetre is made on private land which is either held in Enam, or for which the ordinary ~~[illegible]~~ assessment is paid – the ~~Dec 28/57~~ Zemindar has no right to levy the surplus or any other new and extra cess.

Copy of this endorsement to be sent to the Pn. (Mr Fischer) [illegible]; also copy to be furnished to the Actg Sub Collr for communication to the Manager of Ayacoody ~~the Manager of the Zemindary for his information~~ & guidance.

Dec 28/57. C. H.

Ans 22 July 57

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Salem 18th July 1857.

To

J. R. Sullivan Esq.

Acting Collector of Madura.

Sir,

I have been making Saltpetre amongst other places in Iyempettia Talook in the Iyakoody Zemindary ever since 1821 26 years now. In 1846 the Zemindar taking advantage of a quarrel between the Ooppooleans of his Zemindary & those of Veeroopachy made them agree to give him 50 Rs a year as Moturpha although the same tax has been abolished in the Madura district, for the privilege although they had engaged in it from time immemorial of making Saltpetre in his Zemindary to the exclusion of the Ooppooleans of the Veeroopachy Zemindary. This Agreement was for a limited period of ten years and expired at the end of the last Fasly. The Iyakoody Zemindary is now under management & the Manager following the Policy / Balasamoodrum policy of Mr Sub Collector Cockerar

requires the Oopooleans to make a new contract & at an enhanced price or require them to desist from the manufacture, that is, from following their calling & to give up their prescriptive rights.

If the tax was a just one, & one that the Zemindar had a right to impose we are willing to pay it. If not & the Zemindar only took an undue advantage over the ignorance of the Oopooleans I trust you will repudiate it & send instructions to the Manager to desist from demanding it & interfering with the manufacture. That the Manager has no right to raise the tax I think you will readily admit.

I am induced to trouble you on this subject in consequence of a petition from the Oopooleans of Lyakondy the copy of which I herewith enclose. I have the hon'r to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed't Servant.

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